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Presbyterian Mission

Gambell, St. Lawrence Island

April 4, 1944

Grocery Requisition - 1944-45

Presbyterian Mission
Gambell, Alaska

Shipment may be marked --

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
GAMBELL, ST. LAWRENCE ID.
ALASKA

		Approx. list price
2 cs.	eggs, wax sealed	\$28.00
100 lbs.	butter in brine	50.00
1 cs	pure dried whole eggs	
4 bbl.	Reliance Bleached flour 4/49 lb.	market price
1 bale	Whole Wheat Flour 10 -- 9 8/10 Lb.	" "
1 Bale	White spear pastry flour 10/5s	" "
1 sack	Reliance Blue Rose Rice 4/25 Lb.	4.80
1 cs.	Carnation Oats Quick 12/large	2.26
1 cs.	Sperry Wheat Hearts	1.45
3 Crt.	Souph-er-mix	2.70
100 Lbs.	dried peas - yellow-split	6.70
1 cs.	Albers Instant Tapioca	1.72
1 cs	Post Taasties	1.65
1 cs	peet krumbles	1.24
1 cs	kix	24/7
100 lbs.	small white calif beans	market price
100 lbs.	Red (Mex)calif beans	" "
3 cs.	Reliance Elbo macaroni	4.36
2 cs.	" Egg Noodles Borad 12/8 oz.	2.10
1 cs	Log Cabin Cane & Maple Syrup 24/small 12 oz.	3.38
4 sk.	Berry C & H Granulated Sugar	market price
1 cs	Powdered C & H Sugar	2.00
14 cs	Pet Milk Tall	46.20
1 cs	Eagle Sweetened Milk	4.45
1 cs	Klim Powdered Milk	8.70
1 cs	None such mince meat	2.60
1 cs	Walter Baker's Unswtn Choclate	3.35
1 os	Kre-Mel Pudding Assorted	1.57
1 cs	Assorted Jello Family Size	1.61
1 cs	Reliance Table Salt Iodized	1.60
1 sk	Half Ground Salt	.97
1 cs	Rel Chiken Sandwich Spread	1.80
1 cs	Rel Sandwich Spread	1.64
1 cs	Rel Old Fash. Salad Dressing	1.64
1 cs	Rel Tomato Catsup	2.70
2 cs	Rec Coffee Regular	5.76
1 cs	Rel Black Tea	7.08
1 bx	Cabin Pilot	5.88
1 bx	Jersey Creams	2.25
2 bx	Salted Sodas	3.98
2 cs	Honey-Sweet Grahams	2.85
2 bx	Assorted Cakes, Festival	9.00
2 cs	Animals (cookies)	2.80
1 cs	Fig Bars, Whole Wheat	2.50
1 sk	Roasted #1 Virginia Peanuts large 100 lbs.	9.25
1 crt.	Assorted Salted Nuts	12.16 oz Cello Bags 5.35

1	cs	Rel Ore Walnuts Fnc Frnqt	24/1 lb Cello .23 ¹ ₂	5.64
2	cs	Rel So Amer Popcorn Yellow	24/1 lb 1.65	3.30
1	bx	Rel. Evaporated Apples	25 lb bx	2.94
1	bx	" " Apricots	25 lb bx	5.75
1	bx	" Blk Mssn Figs Fnny	25 lb bx	2.94
1	bx	" Evaporated Peaches	25 lb bx	2.75
1	cs	Sunsweet Prunes, Medium	24/2 lb	3.40
1	cs	Sun Maid Raisins Nectars	8/4 lb	2.31
2	cs	Sunny Jim Preserves Assorted	24. No 2 Tins \$2.00	4.00
1	cs	Kraft Amer Full Cream Cheese	3/5 lb	7.35
1	cs	Rel. Apricots - halves Reg 24/#2		4.78
1	cs	Rel Fruit Salad " " "		4.50
1	cs	" Grapefruit, Sweetened " "		2.30
1	cs	" YC Peaches Banq	24.#2 ¹	3.40
1	cs	" Pineapple, Sliced	" " 8 sli	3.90
1	cs	" Mandarin Oranges	72/8 oz.	5.10
1	cs	Best Circle Orange Juice	24/12 oz	1.80
1	cs	MCP Powdered Lemon Juice	12.8 oz	3.00
1	cs	Welch's grape juice	24/ pints	4.95
3	crt.	Kool-aid Asst.	40/5¢	4.35
2	cs	Reliance Tomato Juice	24/18 oz No 2	3.60
2	cs	Campbell's Soup Assrt. #3	48/10 ¹ ₂ oz.	7.82
1	cs	Rel. Stringless Beans	24/#2	2.84
1	cs	" Sliced Beets	24/#2	2.40
1	cs	" Carrots Quarted	24/#2 ¹ ₂	2.80
1	cs	" Celery Hearts	24/#2	3.80
1	cs	Del Maiz Hibbets Corn	24/12 oz.	2.40
1	cs	Rel. Tender Swt Peas #3 Sv. 24/#2	2.70	2.70
1	cs	" Turnips quartered	24/#2	2.80
2	cs	" Tomatoes	24/2 ¹ ₂	6.40
1	cs	" Vegetables for Salad	24/#1 Tall	2.90
1	cs	Van Camp's Pork and Beans	18/16 Tall	3.00
1	cs	Rel. Sweet Potatoes Reg. Lt. Sy 24/#2		3.00
1	cs	" Sweet Mix Pickles	24/12 oz	4.50
1	cs	" Alas Red Scky Salmon	48/1 Tall	12.20
1	cs	" Pure Cider Vinegar	24/pt jugs	1.70
1	cs	Hormel Flavor Sealed Ham	6/8 to 10lb	18.00
1	cs	" Bacon	6/6 ¹ ₂ lb tins	11.70
1	cs	Libby's Roast Beef	24/12 oz	4.40
1	cs	Wilson & Co. Deviled Meat	48/2 ¹ ₂ 5 oz.	1.92
1	cs	Frankfurters Imp Style	12.12 oz Glass	4.20
1	cs	Dinty Moore Corned Beef & Cabbage	24/24 oz	4.75
1	cs	Wilson & Corned Beef Hash	24/16 oz tin	2.90
1	cs	Spry (shortening)	6/6 1b Pails	5.51
1	cs	Fluffo "	24/1 lb	2.38
1	cs	Skookum apple butter	48/#1 tall	3.84
1	cs	Rel. Ripe Olives, large	24/9 oz	3.20
2	tins	Go Ngt. Granulated Potatoes	5 lb tins	4.20
5	tins	Go Ngt. Evaporated Onions	1 lb tins	3.75
1	cs	Fels Naptha Soap	100 bars	4.30
1	cs	Oxydol	24 large pkgs.	4.37
1	cs	Rel. Toilet Paper	100 rolls	5.85
1	cs	" Paper Towels	24 rolls	1.80
1	cs	Harvest Mixed hard candy	20 lb	3.20

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1	cs	Corn meal, yellow	12/2 ¹ / ₂ lb	\$ 1.72
1	cs	Campfire marshmallows	2/5 lb tins	2.05
4	crates	New potatoes	100 lb	
2	crates	fresh onions	100 lb	
2	"	oranges		
1	"	lemons		

approximate list price on flour, beans, potatoes, etc.

\$487.94
94.00

Approximate value of order

\$581.94

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Gambell, St. Lawrence Island

REQUISITION FOR MISSION MAINTENANCE 1944-45

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
GAMBELL, ST. LAWRENCE ID.
A.L. ASKA

20 Drums	Stove Oil	54 gal.	1080 gal.
6 Tons	Coal		6 tons
1 case	Gasoline for Illumination	2/5	10 Gal.

PARTS FOR KITCHEN RANGE (COAL) "LADY WASHINGTON" Small
(serial Numbers not available)

1 set Firebox Assembly (sides and ends)
1 set Crates

2 only	Galvanized Wash Tubs	Size	15. gal.
1 only	full size bedstead and bed spring		
5 gal	Building Stain		brown
3 gal.	Special Oil Stain		dark oak
2 gal.	House Paint		cream
18 panes	Window Glass	size	28" x 14"
18 panes	" 2		14" x 10"
8 only	Black Stove Pipes		6"
4 only	house brooms		

Wallpaper to cover 424 square feet in all
5 lbs Wallpaper Paste

Percy Ipalook
Gambell, St. Lawrence Id.
Alaska

8/3/44
Aug 29 1944

Hazelton = Eden
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hazelton

Mrs. Claude Brooks,
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Treasurer.

ELMER E. PARKER

Minister

Aug. 26, 1944.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.

Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Alaska Appointee

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letter of the 22nd at hand. We are both interested in Alaska and when I came here to Idaho, Dr. King told me it was a step toward Alaska, for I had asked him for work in Alaska. We are praying about your offer.

We would like to have information about the Island, Gambell and the kind of work to be done among the people there. Would we have school work?

Are there some soldiers there now? Can anything be raised on the island in the way of food, i.e. gardens? I would take it that the main station is at Gambell. Are the two other stations, Savoonga and Puguviliak, out stations? How would one travel from place to place? Is there a boat belonging to the Mission Station?

About the house and church. Would it be necessary to take only bedding and clothing and food? How about the lighting for the two buildings? Do they use oil, gas or is there a small light plant at the manse? Is there enough furniture installed? Mattress, carpet or linoleum etc.?

We would have to dispose of all our furniture and belongings and we would rather go with our suit cases and a trunk or two if every thing has been well equipped.

I have a good set of tools and machines, small machines, and would like to take them if there is some kind of power to operate them. If gas can be had, I can take a small gas motor. If there is a small light plant there, I could use it. There is always so much to keep up and build up on a Mission Station that I think it would be a great help to take them.

Does the manse have a basement for storing the provisions when they arrive?

I wish you would write to Rev. G. L. Clark, 219 N 5 Ave. Twin Falls, chairman of our field work. He and Dr. King arranged my transfer to these two churches. There should be some effort made to get a man for this place in case we go.

You mentioned there should be some one on the way by Oct. 1st. That is 5 weeks. When does the Island freez up for the winter ???

Sincerely Yours, Elmer E. Parker

*Elmer E. Parker
Alaska Applicant*

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.
September 5, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Charles Horejs
Jerome
Idaho

*(Stated Clerk
Twin Falls, Id.)*

My dear Mr. Horejs:

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Hazelton, Idaho is applying for service in Alaska under our Board.

Mr. Jackman is away from the office at this time on vacation, and has instructed us from the field to write you as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Twin Falls for information in reference to The Rev. Parker. Any word of recommendation, etc., which you can give us in regard to him will be greatly appreciated. May we assure you that all these records are kept in strictest confidence.

Sincerely yours,

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Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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September 5, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Presbyterian Church
Hazelton, Idaho

My dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of August twenty-sixth has been received in the absence of Mr. Jackman who is away from the office on vacation. It will be brought to his attention upon his return to the office the latter part of this week.

In the meantime, we are enclosing some information which has been compiled by Mr. Jackman for your further knowledge.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
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Enc. copy of
Our Alaskan Ministry
Conditions of Service in Alaska
Instructions for Alaska Miss'y Supplies

SEP 11 1944

Via Airmail
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Hazelton

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Sept. 7, 1944.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.
Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

I have just returned from the Post Office and there was no word yet from you, and I am wondering if you did not get my letter. It will be two weeks the ninth, Sat. and I thought I should hear from you by now. I sent the letter by Air Mail and it could be that it did not reach you if a crash had happened.

In case you did not get it, we are interested and want all the information you have of the work, the equipment, climate, possibilities, and what to expect on arrival at the island.

The terms of the appointment are satisfactory to us. Has there ever been a man in charge of the work there. I know some women have been there and did a great work, but I have no knowledge of the work being conducted by a man.

Hope you do not think I am impatient. It was not that I am anxious about myself, but in case you had not received my letter, you would be waiting and time is short to make a change like that.

If you have written me just pass this up.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

*Alaska
Applicant*

September 11, 1944,

VIA AIRMAIL *Special delivery*

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Presbyterian Church
Hazelton, Idaho

My dear Mr. Parker:

I know that you have been anxiously waiting for a reply to your letter of August twenty-sixth for more information about Gambell, Alaska. Our answer has been delayed because we have been seeking more information about Gambell and about your own qualifications to meet the situation which is there. These matters have not been finally cleared but they have progressed far enough for us to express a real confidence in the ability of you and your wife to minister effectively in this situation, and unless something unforeseen occurs, we are ready to appoint you for service at Gambell.

You have asked many questions about it and I shall try to answer a few of them. You know something of the work of Miss Ann Bannan there. We are enclosing a promotional leaflet which tells a little bit of the story. We have two Churches on St. Lawrence Island, Gambell and Savoonga. Our plan is to have an ordained minister and his wife at Gambell and a woman worker at Savoonga. The minister at Gambell will go to Savoonga at least quarterly, hold meetings of the Session, baptize and serve communion, and carry on the functions of the ministry. There is a distance of about forty or fifty miles between which must be covered by dog team in the winter or boat in the summer, or similar transportation which may be available. We have no Church at Savoonga yet but have the plans drawn for one and we hope to build it when the war is over. At present Miss Anna Martin is our worker there and doing a good job.

We have a Church at Gambell with living quarters which were established and developed by Miss Bannan. I am not sure that we have a floor plan of the living quarters but they ought to be fairly adequate and roomy for the Parker's. Miss Bannan has indicated that when she left practically all of the articles which were necessary for housekeeping were there. Some of the things may be badly used and not as you would have them, but they are usable until such time as we can confer with you about some replacements. You ought to take a bed and linen, although Miss Bannan stated recently that there were dishes and silverware there.

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Practically all of the people at Gambell are Eskimos. There have been a few whites there recently on account of army weather stations but most of them are Eskimos. The teachers at Gambell have been Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty who are friendly but members of the Seventh Day Adventists group and rather active about winning our people to their faith. This is a problem which you will have to face with a great deal of patience and perseverance. We cannot have friction when there are so few whites together in a single community.

We are not able to answer all your questions about the house. Everything is so new to us here at the office, that we have not been able to find any detailed statements concerning the light plant or use of gas or oil for lighting. We do know that the Board provides for station maintenance in the form of fuel for heat and light. This has been ordered for the coming winter.

The house should be furnished sufficiently so that you do not need to take any of your furniture with you. It would be better for you to take only your suit cases and a trunk or two for your personal belongings, also you will want to ship some books for your own development. You need not take all these with you now but can arrange to have them shipped by boat next summer.

It would be a good thing to take your set of tools and machines but you would not be able to take them with you now. They should be crated and shipped next summer by boat when the boat comes in with the heavy supplies.

We are enclosing a copy of the food order which The Rev. Percy Ipalook had sent up from Seattle this summer for next winter's use. By this time you will have received copies of the Conditions of Service in Alaska and the Statement for Ordering Supplies for the Stations on the Arctic Coast. You will notice that the cost of food is borne by the individual missionary but the Board pays the freight from Seattle up on purchases made through our representative, The Rev. William J. Howell, 107 Main Street, Renton, Washington (this is a suburb of Seattle). This supply of food, of course, has been delivered to Gambell and would have been left there for your use. It is possible also to supplement this if necessary with an order from the Polet Store in Nome. Prices from Nome are about forty percent higher than Seattle and delivery is uncertain during the winter time so that we try not to depend upon this source when summer ordering can be done. The manse does not have a basement, I believe, for storage but there is provision for the storage of food; there has to be when the main grocery order comes only once a year.

Following the evacuation by the army of Miss Bannan, we did not have anyone in the Gambell station for outside leadership. The Eskimo elders carried on as best they could. Then Dr. King transferred The Rev. Percy Ipalook to Gambell for service. All went well until two of his children developed a weakness toward T.B. and he had to remove his family to his wife's home in Kotzebue. He was willing to go back to the Island alone but we are planning to transfer him to Wales as of October first. He has carried on the ordained ministry in Gambell and Savoonga while he was on the Island.

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Transportation from the mainland to Gambell is infrequent in the summer and only occasional in the winter. There are regular visits from the government boats but these depend upon weather. It is difficult to get to the Island after October first because of weather conditions but occasionally one can pick up a ride with the army over or we may have to charter a plane to get you there from Nome if there is no other way when you arrive. We have written to The Rev. Mr. Howell asking him to get information for us about boat transportation as far as possible by air around October first. It would seem utterly impossible for you to get to Nome by the fifteenth of October with all of the things which must be done to settle your affairs in your Churches, dispose of your furniture, and arrange for your transportation. In this case you may find a considerable delay in Nome and we may have to fly you a part of the way to cover the gaps in other transportation. We do want you there as early as possible in the fall. We shall anticipate some information from Mr. Howell and forward it to you as soon as possible. Also he should know about the location of tools and equipment which you would want to ship up by boat next summer. He would take care of arrangements at Seattle for place in the boat covering these items.

You asked about the possibility of gardens. There is a short, quick, growing season there but very few things can be grown. The summer is not long enough for any extended crops. They do report the use of greens and similar things. Do not depend upon anything of this kind as you plan to go.

Be sure to provide yourselves with plenty of warm woolen clothing. When you get up there you probably will get a suit of skin which will give protection against the wind and cold. Be sure also to provide yourself with dark glasses of good quality for summer use. The sun is very strong during the few months of the summer.

It is unfortunate in our need for a couple at this station that we did not think of you folks earlier in the summer so that transportation could be arranged in better weather. This will be a great adventure in getting there and serving this congregation, and will challenge every resource that you have. The Eskimos are a people of great simplicity but they do have determined wills. They respond to the white man's leadership but they cannot be driven. You must consult with them and encourage them and lead them into the program of the Church. This is a relatively new congregation and you will have to be patient but we want you to build a strong organized Presbyterian Church. If you and Mrs. Parker will pour out your lives in service to them they will respond, love, and honor you in your service for them. They are greatly devoted to Miss Danner who did so much for them.

If you have further questions let me have them but proceed immediately to winding up your relationships where you are and make yourself available as

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early as possible. At the present moment I see no obstacle in your going to Gambell unless it would be the matter of transportation. If it should prove impossible to get you to Gambell by that time you get to the territory, we will use you some other place until you can get there. We trust that this development is coming under the guiding of God's Spirit, and that you will give yourselves to His direction in this new and thrilling ministry.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc.

Pioneering in Bering Strait
Copy of The Rev. Mr. Ipalook's 1944 Food Order, etc.

Wade up front of Campbell

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEP 18 1944

Hazelton

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Treasurer.

ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Sept. 15, 1944.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.

Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Just returned from Synod last night,
and your wire came just a few minutes before the letter, to day.
We are thrilled! but there is sadness in the camp as
I broke the news to the Elders and asked to be released.

Presbytery meets the 27th and we can start
any time after midnight of that date.

Thanks for all the information, there
is food enough for some time, and we take it that the
food stuff and all the rest mentioned is there now.

I shall write, later as it is near train
time now,

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

Send voucher for \$1.00. as travel exp. 20 m

September 15, 1944

Memorandum To: Rev. J. Earl Jackman
From: Miss Vint
Re: The following workers have not called for salaries as follows:

Rev. Elmer E. Parker S. S. Missions - Twin Falls & Boise, Idaho. Docket #238 - Travel
10 vouchers received to date.

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Assistant Treasurer

September 19, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Hazelton
Idaho

Dear Elmer:

We were delighted to receive your wire on Friday accepting the appointment to Gambell on St. Lawrence Island. We feel this is going to mean a great physical and spiritual adventure for you and your wife and ought to mean an effective understanding ministry among the Eskimos for our Church.

We will be writing you more details in a few days but wanted to ask you to send in a voucher to the Board calling for \$100 expenses under the budget of Sunday School Missions. This was docketed for you at the beginning of this budget year but you have not called for it. We want to have it as a part of your expense in starting to Alaska so please send in a voucher so that all can be cared for before the twenty-seventh.

We are communicating with Mr. Howell at Renton, Washington asking about transportation northward as early as possible after the twenty-ninth or thirtieth of this month. We shall keep you informed of developments.

So far as we can see now it may be possible for us to send you on a boat to Seward and by train to Anchorage. You would proceed from Anchorage to Nome by air and from Nome to Gambell by coast guard boat, army airplane, or civilian plane. We will not be able to do much here about your transportation from Anchorage. We will have to put you on your resourcefulness with a few suggestions from individuals along the way.

Under this transportation, you should take only your suitcases and trunk, crating whatever heavier things you want to take including your tools and gas motor for shipment next summer. They should be left there or we can make arrangements to have you ship them to Mr. Howell in Renton who would have them put in storage until a regular boat next summer.

More information later. Meanwhile, we pray the Lord's richest blessing upon you both and our work at Gambell in this new adventure.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman

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SEP 22 1944

Hazelton

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Sept. 20, 1944.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.
Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We are getting along pretty well in this whirlwind. The Twin Falls Presbytery will meet here at Hazelton the 27th. I am having the Congregational meetings at both churches on Sunday morning to unite in asking Presbytery to dissolve the relationship.

Could you tell us where we should do our banking? Seattle or Nome or have some in both.

What kind of a boat does the Mission have? *none.*

I am very glad you told me about the Teacher and his doings. I am well acquainted with their ways of breaking up other work and making unrest among new believers. I do not say they do it for meanness, they are sincere, but they do just that.

There was a big fellow came here last winter to run me out of town, made his boasts that he would close the doors of my church, invited me to argue certain questions and all this and that. I told him I wouldn't disgrace my Lord in any such a way. It caused a lot of unrest among my folks and I told them to read their Bibles and come to me if they did not understand. Results, - He left and no converts from my folks or from the outsiders. We won a whole family and our attendance has been better. I will not argue, but if it comes to an issue, I shall tell him his work is teaching the school and I shall take care of the church, and that we will remain friends.

You spoke of building a church at Savoonga. Do you send some one in to do that or do it with work of the folks there ?? I am not a carpenter of note but can build. I made the brick and built 23 houses for the E.S.A.M while I was in Africa, made every board in them too.

I suppose the storage of food stuff is in cellars but in case it isn't and I think well to make such, should I do it?

When cameras are released, I wish you to send me a good 16mm movie. I want one that will take color. I have been working with color for some time and have learned to use it quite well. I will want plenty of film too, for I want to put the work there on film. You can pay from \$75 to \$100 if need be to get a camera and take out of my salary.

Will you send in my Pension dues beginning Oct. 1st. I am paid up to the first. Deduct it from salary, please.

Thanks and very sincerely yours,

of memo sent Treasury
1/23/tv

Elmer will try to make arrangements

September 22, 1944

VIA AIR MAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Hazelton, Idaho

Dear Elmer:

We are forwarding to you a check for \$400 which we hope will be more than adequate along with the expense voucher which we asked you to complete for your transportation to Gambell. The Rev. Mr. Howell has notified us that you should be in Seattle on the morning of September 30th to clear arrangements for your transportation by boat on October 1st northward. You should notify The Rev. William J. Howell, 107 Main Street, Renton, Washington (this is a suburb of Seattle) as to the exact time of your arrival so that he may assist you in your accommodations in Seattle. After you have arrived at Gambell you can give us an accounting of the funds which we have placed in your hands for transportation.

We are glad to know that arrangements are going forward for your release from your Churches and your journey northward. You should ask your Presbytery to dismiss you to the Presbytery of Yukon and send your dismissal statement to the Rev. L. Rolland Armstrong at Anchorage, Alaska. The Rev. Mr. Armstrong is the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. Unfortunately you will not be able to attend Presbytery except on unusual occasions but nevertheless you will be a member in regular standing in all the work in the Presbytery.

In my first letter to you raising the question of service in Alaska, I stated that it was necessary to have a couple without children at this station because of the large amount of tuberculosis among the children. You will find also that there is considerable amount among the young adults. One of the discouraging things in your ministry will be the fact that you will see some of your people going down in health. This condition exists because of the lack of sunshine or its equivalent in the homes of the Eskimos. You ought to take with you a liberal supply of vitamins for the protection of your own health. I am told from up there that you ought also to be careful about staying in Eskimo homes or eating at their tables where there is tuberculosis. This, of course, must be tempered by a consideration for their feelings but careful precautions must be taken. It was usually the policy of Miss Bannan to invite Eskimos into her home for an occasional lunch rather than going to eat in the families where there has been or is tuberculosis. When you are able to gain the confidences of the people

September 22, 1944.

you ought to be able to render a great service with your ability with tools and knowledge of buildings to do something with these particular problems. You will have to work slowly; carefully waiting the development of confidence in you but you will be on the alert for a great ministry in this way.

As I wrote you before we hope it will be possible for you to go by boat to Seward, and thence by train to Anchorage. You should notify The Rev. Mr. Armstrong by wire before hand of the approximate date of your arrival. It may be possible that he can assist you in getting earlier transportation by plane from Anchorage to Nome. When you reach Nome you should inquire from the Coast Guard whether there is a boat going to Gambell soon. If there is you can secure transportation on it perhaps without cost. Your second possibility would be to see if the army is flying over in the near future. Your third possibility would be to secure civilian transportation by plane. We shall have to leave some of these arrangements in your hands, but we are sure that ^{with} your resourcefulness you can take care of them. Mr. Polet who has a main store in Nome knows Miss Martin at Savoonga and is friendly to our work and workers. A number of them make purchases from his store. He is reliable and possibly can help you.

Let me report about the arrangements for your tools and small motor being crated for shipment by boat next summer. You should make arrangements with The Rev. Mr. Howell about this shipment.

You will find when you arrive that a number of boxes of toys and clothing have been sent with the food shipment to Gambell for Christmas at the station. These should have with them (Mr. Howell can tell you about this) a statement concerning the source of each package. We hope you and your wife will take time to write a note of appreciation to each contributing group so that these articles will be properly acknowledged and something told of their use. You will find this is one of the responsibilities of a missionary in Alaska. We must be prompt and gracious in acknowledging every contribution and help which has been received.

I should tell you that the references which we have received about you have been good. If you are able to accomplish in the Lord's work the things which your friends say you can accomplish you will render a great service in Alaska. We trust that both of you will give your lives to this ministry with great devotion and will be used of the Lord for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Treasurer.

ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Sept. 22, 1944.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.
Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letter received, thanks for the information. I have been thinking about the landing in Anchorage. Do you think it would do any good to let Bert Bingle know about the time we would arrive and could make some arrangements for the trip over to Nome? Bert understands how to get around in Alaska and I would suppose has some influence there in getting us on the way.

I have made out two reports of the work we did in the out stations and have sent them off to Dr. Clark to sign. They should arrive next week.

I am sending along the voucher for expenses. I hope I did it right.

We are planning to take good blankets and they will fill one trunk and our clothes another, both about 100 lbs each. Would that be too much for the trip by plane? Our clothes can be put in the suit cases.

This is truly a THRILLING experience. It will take a while to think it all out after we arrive there, for we are on the jump here. I have Presbytery here in Hazelton the 27th and I am Moderator.

We will be ready though.

Most Sincerely,

Elmer

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Sept. 24, 1944.

J. L. Parker
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Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.
Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I gave my farewell sermon to both churches today. Both Congregations voted to join me in requesting Presbytery to dissolve the relationship between pastor and church. This will be done Wed. the 27th.

Perhaps I should have mentioned the station from which we should start. It is better to leave from Shoshone than from Hazelton.

I received an offer of \$2000.00 for a Motor Boat to be used for the work on the Island if it would be practical. Could you advise about this? The offer holds good until I survey the situation and send word back to you and the party. The one making this offer is a member of the Eden church.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

September 25, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Hazelton, Idaho

My dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of September 20th arrived in the last mail on Friday in the midst of Mr. Jackman making preparations for a field trip so he jotted some very brief notes in the margin of your letter for reply. He will give these matters further attention upon his return to the office in a few weeks.

The Mission does not have a boat.

We shall try to secure a 16mm movie camera which will take color with plenty of film if these are available. We shall follow your suggestion and if they are obtainable deduct \$75 to \$100 from your salary in payment.

We shall also try to make arrangements and have your pension dues deducted from your salary beginning October 1st and sent to the proper office.

The other questions in your letter will be brought to Mr. Jackman's attention when he returns and you will be hearing from him at a later time. Your letter of September 22nd arrived this morning and it too will be brought to Mr. Jackman's attention just as soon as possible. In his letter to you dated September 22nd, which must have crossed yours enroute, he suggests that you contact The Rev. K. Holland Armstrong at Anchorage, Alaska in regard to your approximate arrival at Anchorage and perhaps it may be possible for him to assist you in getting transportation to Nome.

You and Mrs. Parker are in our thoughts and prayers daily as you start on this adventuresome journey to serve our people at Gambell.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

PK PLS. You will please find enclosed the \$100 check for the voucher which you forwarded to us.

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. .

September 25, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Paul Silook
Gambell
St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

My dear Mr. Silook:

CMiss Bannan has written to me concerning your statement that since the absence of your minister you have had to carry on alone in Gambell. We are sorry that you have had this period without the benefit of your minister but we are now writing to offer you some hope for the future.

We have recently appointed The Rev. Elmer E. Parker and his wife as new missionaries to Gambell. They will leave Seattle by boat October 1st and go to Anchorage where we hope they may get plane transportation to Nome; from Nome they may be able to get a ride on a government boat over or they may have to make arrangements to fly over. We hope they may get there without too many delays. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are consecrated people and ought to render a fine service to your congregation. We trust that your people will welcome them cordially and do everything to cooperate with them in the progress of your Church.

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We have transferred The Rev. Mr. Ipalook to Wales to relieve Miss Stauffer. We have asked him to leave the food which was sent up for them at Gambell so the Parker's will have a supply of food and fuel. Mr. Ipalook ordered some personal items of clothing for his family which will have to be forwarded later. In sending him directions to go to Wales, we thought perhaps he might want to take the opportunity of going over to Gambell to get the things which were left there that belonged to his family. He may come before October 1st or not until he is settled at Wales.

YWe shall ask your elders to see that there is enough heat in the house to keep everything in good order until the Parker's arrive. We will also suggest that you get some of your people to do whatever housecleaning is necessary to make the house as attractive as possible for The Parker's. We want them to like your people and your Church so that anything which you can do to make them feel welcome will be appreciated.

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Mr. Paul Silcock

September 25, 1944

We trust the Lord will bless all of you in this new relationship together. We shall want The Parker's to lead your people to a better understanding of Christ and a greater feeling of responsibility for their own Church. It is understood that The Parker's are to go to Savoonga at least quarterly to assist Miss Martin in her work. Please express our great interest in your people and our desire for you to have a great spiritual experience together.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JBJ:PK
Dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman

Oct 2 1944
Hazelton

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Sept. 30, 1944.
Seattle.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.

Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

We are here and are we glad ?? This is the first time we have had a breath for nearly two weeks, if that isn't stretching the breathing too far. Were 6 hrs late yesterday and had some time getting a room, it is reserved for tonight so we have to go to another hotel this afternoon. I called Mr. Howell and we will get together Monday morning as he informed me the boat was late so we had plenty of time. Clara and I need this time too, for we have about all of our clothes to buy for that climate. The boat leaves Tues. the 3d. We had less than 300 lbs baggage leaving Hazelton, so with what we get here or on the way will still be under the limit I am sure. I shall find the limit for the plane trip before leaving here if I can. The amount of baggage is very limited on the plane, but we will have to get this much in to make it through the winter.

I did my banking this morning. Deposited with the Bank of California, met the Manager and his Assistant, Mr. Nutt and Mr. Anderson. I shall leave a fair checking account here and take some on to Nome. I should like you to make the deposits (salary) alternately with the first at the Bank in Nome, second with the Bank of California, 815 Second Avenue, Seattle, I have asked Mr. Nutt for that arrangement as it would take so long to send me the voucher and then sign it and return it here. The bank will send notice of the deposit.

We had a great time getting away from the friends at Eden and Hazelton, it was rather hard in some ways, Clara had won the hearts of the women so, there were many tears at her parting. You spoke of the recommendations sent in by my friends, I hope they didn't say things I would be ashamed of. I have known of some boasting when the one boosted was a good riddance. However, I'm not afraid in this case, and it was a real joy to see how they all wished us the very best of success and were willing to give us up for the Eskimos, only two objected.

The friend offering \$2000.00 for a boat, Mrs. Mabel Rogantine, told me the money would be ready as soon as we needed it. I think I should survey the situation well before we put that much in a boat, although it might be well spent and I should know pretty well what should be done by spring. We may not be able to get a motor boat even by then.

I shall write more later as things progress.

Most Sincerely,

Elmer

Alaska

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Vint
FROM Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner DATE October 3, 1944
RE: The Rev. Elmer E. Parker, Gambell, St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

In a letter received from The Rev. Elmer E. Parker who is our newly appointed missionary to Yukon Presbytery at Gambell, may I quote the following paragraph in reference to his salary checks:

"I did my banking this morning. Deposited with the Bank of California, met the manager and his assistant, Mr. Nutt and Mr. Anderson. I shall leave a fair checking account here and take some on to Nome. I should like you to make the deposits (salary) alternately with the first at the Bank in Nome, second with the Bank of California, 815 Second Avenue, Seattle. I have asked Mr. Nutt for that arrangement as it would take so long to send notice of the deposit."

We pass this along for your future information.

Unit of Work in Alaska
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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Oct. 6, 1944.
On Board Ship.

Oct 7 1944
Alaska 1944
Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.
Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We are on the way !!!! I haven't much to write about just now but if you do not have more information after we get up there, about the why and wherefor of things, will you please give me a good scolding ??? If we were easily discouraged we might not have ventured even after arriving in Seattle. The stories we have heard would put most any one in doubt, but we are trusting the Dear Lord and know all will be well and what isn't well He will attend to. There are many going up in the care of the Govt. but we are in the care of a greater than our Govt. great as it is. Mr Howell was good, encouraged us in every way but gave us a tip or two, and one was that there might not be too much left of the supplies sent up. Now I don't know what arrangements you had with Percy about leaving what he did not use but we will make out if some of the staple goods are left. We shall try to see Miss Martin as soon as possible before it freezes up. Mr Howell said it was a problem to get things landed from the ship. Also that the Eskimos make stoves of the oil drums. I have been wondering if the oil is better than coal with the two way transportation of drums. If you have any suggestions send them along. I think the boat investment would be a good one, Mr. Howell said there should be a boat there. I do not believe a boat that we would want for the work should be too large, for it would not be sea-going unless it was large and we do not need that just now. It sure costs to travel in this country. Our tickets were \$402.68 to Nome. Luggage will be high to. we have enough to

get us on in, if there is a way from the Nome to the Island.
I did not get the expence money before leaving for the voucher
I sent in but don't worry, we have enough to get there I'm sure.
Its no place to be up here without plenty of money though. I never
saw such spending, there seems to be no limit. Well we will be
glad when we arrive and get settled.

Sincerely Yours,

Ehmer

OCT 19 1944

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Oct. 14, 1944.
Anchorage, Alaska.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.
Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We arrived Wed. morning. Had a thrilling trip across the gulf. The storm was severe and we were without the use of the rudder for about three hrs. in the middle of the night. By the time they had it repaired we were 10 miles off our course. The load shifted and we went in with a list. Most of the people were sick, Clara stood it pretty well, did not eat dinner so she was not so sick. It did not bother me, rather enjoyed it.

We cannot get in to the Island untill it freezes the little lake just back of the town. They use it for a landing field. It might freeze in 10 days or two weeks, when it is so they can land they will call us. Mean while, I am helping Mr. Armstrong with a project across town, a Mission Sunday School building just being put up.

We are both anxious to get in and hope that lake freezes up right away. From the report of a man who knows the Daughertys, the sooner we are there the better. He said it is Mrs. D. that is the aggressive one. Spoke very highly of Mr. D.

I shall try to let you know by the returning plane when we get to the Island. We are both well.

Most Sincerely,

Elmer

October 19, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
c/o The Rev. A. Holland Armstrong
613 Fifth Street
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

Thank you for your various letters along the way telling about the progress of your trip. We knew you would have some difficulties but did not realize you would have quite so many. We are glad to know that you came through your trip across the Gulf in good shape. Apparently you are a good sailor and can take it. It would seem that you are well qualified for your future ministry in Gambell.

We are glad to learn that you are busy helping Mr. Armstrong during this delay in Anchorage. I am sure he has plenty for you to do during this period. We hope, however, that you will soon get away and arrive at your own place of service.

The \$150 expense check which came under the allowance for Sunday school missions last year was mailed to you and perhaps it has caught up with you by this time. At any rate we hope it will be cleared eventually. If you do not get it let us know and we will send a duplicate check. We had no idea that your expenses would be quite as high as your tickets to Nome but we were anticipating that it would be considerable. All this can be adjusted when you arrive and we will bear our responsibility in the matter.

We should have sent to you before you left Hazelton the enclosed tax forms. These must be completed before our Treasury can make any payments of salary to you. We have asked the Treasury to make payments anyway but are not sure that we can get it. Will you please fill out the enclosed forms and return them airmail immediately?

We are also enclosing a Preliminary Information Form which we should have sent to you prior to your departure. This is in larger detail than the old form which was sent you a year ago. It will give us the information which we desire. We are sorry to bother you about this because you may also get one from the Personnel Office which is a bit different from this one. After we get these things taken care of we promise not to bother you too much about such things again.

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The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

October 19, 1944

We have asked our Treasury Department to follow your instructions alternately sending your checks to the Bank of California and the Bank in Nome. We should give you a later report on this when the procedure is under way.

You will remember in your late relationship to Sunday school missions that you were required to make a monthly ^{report} and sign a voucher calling for your salary. The salary check will be sent on the first of each month from the office so that it will reach your bank before the end of the month but we shall have to have your voucher signed with your monthly report covering the amount. We know that you will take care of these promptly.

We are looking forward to a report from you when you arrive on the Island. We commend you to God's Providence and know that He is able to care for both of you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

Unit of Work in Alaska

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OCT 30 1944

Hazelton

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Oct. 24, 1944.
Anchorage, Alaska.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.

Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

It was grand to get your letter yesterday, it is the first mail we have had since leaving Idaho.

We expect to leave for Nome Friday morning (27th).

I wired Mr. Polet about a boat and he wired back, "No boat scheduled we have number of orders to go" so we take it that a boat will be going before too long. Mr Armstrong is working through the CAA for transportation over as soon as it is frozen enough to land on the Island. I had a little talk with the Chief of the CAA and he said he wanted to take us in but it would be a month or six weeks before it could be arranged. I thanked him graciously but we felt we should be in before that time. He said he might be able to help us some other time. The reason for the possible trip by boat is that it has not frozen up as they expected it to, this also delays an early entry by plane. We think it well to be at Nome now so we can go in one way or the other. We have had a wonderful time here at Armstrongs, the Mission Sunday School building is going up nicely. Many soldiers have been helping. They call it the Miracle Building here in Anchorage.

I shall send you a full report when I get on the Island. We suppose there is a lot of mail waiting for us at Nome.

We had the pleasure of meeting Miss Stauffer Sat. evening. She and Clara had a good visit about India.

Most Sincerely in Him,

Elmer

Oct. 21.

10/21/44
to Mr. Jackman
Anchorage

October 26, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell, St. Lawrence Island
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

Welcome to Gambell! We trust that you and your wife have arrived safely and are in excellent condition to begin your ministry. I do not know what conditions you will find there but hope they will not be too discouraging at the start. There are many tasks that lie before you and you will have much work to do.

You probably will be informed that Percy Ipalook has been there to get the personal items which he ordered for his family during the summer. He was to take the clothing and leave the food. We do not know what he has left so we cannot arrive at a proper adjustment of cost on personal items for you in your salary. We shall have to wait for an inventory from you on these things. Please send us word of what has been left and we will adjust the amount withheld from your salary accordingly. I am sure it will take time to complete this arrangement.

Will you also send us an inventory of the furniture which you find there and make some suggestions about your needs? You may not want to do the latter until you have been there for a time. We shall want this along with your food order for next winter to be in the office before April first so that we can make necessary arrangements to supply your needs on the summer boat.

Miss Martin of Savoonga has raised the question of the possibility of your having a larger food supply than is necessary for two people. Percy had a family of seven and, of course, would order more food than two of you would need. Miss Martin asks if it might be possible to send a part of your food supply to the nurse at Gambell. Again you can adjust this on the ground and let us know.

You should find a number of Christmas boxes which were sent in to Percy from various groups in the States. These should be acknowledged with a note of thanks to the contributing groups. Here is where your wife will be a great help to you. These should also be divided with Miss Martin so that there may be some things for both congregations. Mr. Howell was supposed to have made some division in arrangements for shipping but this may not have been made. We shall trust your good judgement in taking care of this.

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The Rev. Elmer L. Parker

October 26, 1944

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and for you as you begin this new ministry. We trust it is going to be a rich experience with fruitful results for the Kingdom. We know your faith is strong and will be adequate for your task.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Nome, Alaska.
Nov. 5, 1944.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roche,
Clerk.

Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

We arrived here yesterday P.M. Had a wonderful trip over. We just received word a bit ago that we might go on over to the Island today, leaving about noon. I wanted to let you know about our progress and the way the Dear Lord has blessed through it all. We learned a lot in Anchorage. One of the blessings was an evening with Dr. Dickerson. He is Prof. of Anthropology from Texas, a son of a Pres. Minister, who has been here in Alaska for two years studying the natives of the main land and especially the Eskimos. He gave me many tips in reference to their customs that have not been written by the white man. In order to get this the Dr. worked with the men as day laborer and became a friend to them in whom they could trust. He wanted to get over to the Island but as there was no work for him that would enable him to come in contact with the people, he did not go.

We met a nephew of Percy Ipalook yesterday, he came over on the plane with us. Percy has gone on to Prince of Wales. We missed seeing him.

Will write you from the Island.

Sincerely in Him,

Elmer

NOV 20 1944

Nome, Alaska.
Nov. 11. 1944.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Our trip over to Gambell last Sunday did not materialize, we are yet in Nome. A storm on the Island prevented the trip. We have passed this week living on promises each day that we shall fly tomorrow, weather permitting.

We are trying to be patient, but we are very anxious to get over. I have contacted the Army, the C.A.A. Not much encouragement from them. Mr. Noppin of Anchorage, C.A.A. Manager, was called to Washington before we came over here so we cannot expect help from the C.A.A. without he directs it. The Wien Airways have the contract for delivering the mail and they will go in the first good day, their schedule to deliver is from the 1st to the 10th of each month. They are over due now.

There is a diphtheria epidemic here in Nome, we have had ~~our taxes and~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xx~~ ~~xx~~ ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ throat cultures made and have been approved for travel.

I am mailing herewith an expense account to Nov. 2nd. We are shocked at the expense of travel here. We have tried to keep it to a minimum, but still it has mounted high. We have taken care of our own expenses while we were in Anchorage for the three and a half weeks.

I shall send the receipts for the expense to Gambell with the next account after we arrive. Rev. Howell's check would be receipt for the S.S. ticket and R.R. fare.

We have not received any mail as yet. The Bank here told me they had sent a check back to be changed as to name. This is the Miner's and Merchant's Bank of Nome.

While we are in waiting, we are much in prayer for the work on St. Lawrence Island.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,



November 21, 1944

C O P Y of expenses of The Rev. and Mrs. Elmer E. Parker

1944

Expense Account enroute to Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Sept.	28	R.R.Tickets - Shoshone to Seattle	\$ 35.01
		Telegram to Rev. Howell, Renton	.46
29		Breakfast and lunch	2.80
		Telegram to Rev. Howell from Portland (7 hrs. late)	.38
		Taxi Station to hotel	.70
30		breakfast & lunch	2.05
		Benjamin Hotel (one night)	5.52
Oct.	1	Breakfast & lunch	3.60
2		Breakfast & lunch	1.93
		Tickets to Nome (Steam Ship,, R.R., & Plane)	402.62
		Transfer of luggage	1.82
3		Breakfast	.51
4		Hotel Astor (f days at \$4.00 per day)	16.00
		Breakfast	.51
		Luggage transfer (Seward - boat to train)	1.25
10		Telegram (Rev. Armstrong-Seward to Anchorage)	.65
25		Telegrams to and from Nome	4.68
30		" " " "	3.76
Nov.	1	Telegram to Nome	1.88
2		Baggage to Nome	120.14
		" " Gambell	79.05
		Tickets to Gambell	172.50
		Taxi - Anchorage \$1.- Nome \$2.0	3.00

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Checks rec'd from Board - 400.00

Balance of expenses - \$460.82

Passenger's Receipt #11977 (Form AT-1
Complete trip routing Anchorage*Nome

Form At-1
#11975

One way - October 12, 1944
full thru Fare \$100.05
Alaska Airlines

\$100.05

Customer's Copy - No. 1

INVOICE Branch HQ

Alaska Star Airlines
Anchorage, Alaska

E. Parker

11-2-14

Excess Baggage - 307 lbs. \$.38 per lb. \$116.66 Express
3.48 Gov't Tax

\$120.14 Total

Paid per M. Hamilton

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ELMER E. PARKER
Minister

Nome, Nov. 25, 1944.

Eden

Mrs. Chester Roice,
Clerk.

Mr. Roy Gordon,
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We have arrived on the Island. Glory!

Have not been in the house yet, am sending this back
with the Pilot that you may know we are here and safe.

If the next mail plane is as long getting
in as this one it will be two months before you hear from
us again. I shall get the accounts to you at the first
opportunity and also the reports. I suppose there are
blanks in the house left by Percy or among the mail just
now arrived sent from you.

We are well and so happy to be here.

We came out here the 14th and had to go back because
they could not land.

Yours in the Blessed Master,

Elmer

DEC 21 1944

Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska,
November 29, 1944.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

I sent you a letter the 25th stating our arrival.
It has been one great revelation of God's marvelous keeping.
Praise to His Glorious Name.

The natives gave us a warm welcome as we lighted from the plane, we had so few things they picked them up and put them on a sled and made for the house. One of the elders apologized for the house being so cold. Said he had heard that we were coming only about an hour before we arrived. We were an hour and 17 min. coming, so he heard it about 17 minutes after we started.

Due to the quarantine in Nome, the office of Indian Affairs asked us to isolate ourselves for about two weeks. We had two throat cultures and each time they were negative.

In the meantime we are getting settled in our new home. We feel the presence of God in a marked way. Paul, the interpreter, who has been carrying on in the absence of a Missionary, conducted the service last Sunday. There were 120 present. He will have charge again next Sunday and after that I shall be with them. I wrote a note of greeting to them and Paul delivered it Sunday.

I sent you an itemized account of our expenses up to and including Nov. 2nd. On our arrival here I received the check of \$100.00 sent Sept. 25th. The amount of expense I sent you was \$460.82 less the check of \$100.00 leaves balance of \$360.82.

We are taking invoice of the food and will send it with the next report. I shall try to send you an invoice of Mission equipment before long. We are both well.

Most Sincerely in Him,

Elmer

Subitted
12/19/44
for
first bill

November 30, 1944.

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell
St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

Here and there we pick up a bit of information in addition to your letters concerning your difficulty in getting to Gambell. Yesterday a man from the Evangelical Mission Covenant Board was in and said their representative up there had reported that you had flown over but were unable to land. These are the difficulties in Alaska travel. All you can do is to be patient until such time as transportation is available.

We have received your report on expenses and are enclosing the balance of \$460.82 in a check. We are not sure that the report which you have sent to us will be accurate when you actually arrive at Gambell but we can make whatever adjustment is necessary because of the uncertainty of travel conditions. We are sending this check to you with the understanding that it is possible for you to deposit it to your account in the Nome bank if you have not yet gone from Nome, or you can send it or mail it to which ever bank you desire.

We are hoping and praying that you will soon be settled and able to get to your task. I am sure the people are waiting with expectation for your arrival to give them the leadership which they need in their Church and community.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Check #7123-\$460.82

Jan 2 1946
Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, N.Y.

Gambell, St Lawrence Island, Alaska.
December 15, 1944.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

November 25th was a happy day for us when our plane landed on the small landing field just south of the village of Gambell. The entire population of the village came out to meet the plane, and gave us a hearty welcome. We had waited more than three weeks in Anchorage for the promisee of flight between Nome and St. Lawrence. Finally a telegram was received informing us that the mail plane would make a trip to Gambell some time between the first and tenth of November. We took the first plane to Nome. After arrival in Nome the weather was unfavorable for the trip to the Is. We were settled comfortably in Nome's one good hotel and waited and waited each day living on the hope of a possible flight the following day. On the afternoon of the 14th the Pilot chanced the trip. Now disappointed we were as we circled over the Island trying in vain to make a landing and finally returned to Nome. We had been much in prayer as we waited and some times our faith was sorely tested.

In the meantime, altho Nome was suffering a serious diphtheria epidemic we were privileged to meet and enjoy fellowship with seven ministers and their families. We also made acquaintance with Mr. Otto Geist an archaeologist who spent much time on the Island in scientific research. He is at present living in Nome. He gave us many helpful suggestions, also told us many of the customs of the Islanders.

When we left Nome the Office of Indian Affairs asked us to remain in isolation for two weeks after arrival here, and especially to refrain from meeting with children and young folks. So we were unable to meet with the church group on Nov. 26th and Dec. 3rd. I sent ~~xx~~ a message of greeting the first Sunday and Paul carried on the services. Last Sunday the 10th we enjoyed our first worship service with the people. There were 150 present for the services.

During the two weeks we were in quarantine we arranged our home, and stored the food which was sent in on the boat last summer. Percy Ipalook had left about Oct. 15th and the house was cold and damp. Some snow had drifted around the house, but soon after arriving the weather moderated a bit and we were soon comfortably settled in our new home.

Since the lifting of the quarantine we have made a fair number of calls. We find the people friendly and the majority are responsive to Bible teaching. There are at present 263 native residents in Gambell.

We found a great quantity of articles in room upstairs, which had been sent in on the boat last summer to be used as Christmas Gifts. Since we have had such a brief acquaintance with the people, we asked the Elders to prepare the gift boxes to be distributed when we have our Christmas program. The Elders enjoyed sorting and separating the gifts and packing a box for each family in Gambell. Some of the girls have been helping Mrs. Parker pop corn for the gift boxes. We have enough Christmas mixed candy, peanuts and walnuts to make an extra little gift for each person in Gambell.

We had a sad day this week when Ben's little boy died about 4 AM. We had the funeral at 2 PM. Ben is the Mayor.

An Arctic blizzard has been raging the last two days, our kitchen windows are drifted shutting out the light. Temperature has hovered at zero or 10 below, frost is covering every thing inside and out. Our house is warmer now than before the drifts covered us, Its "Cozy".

Most Sincerely,

Elmer E. Parker
Elmer E. Parker

JAN 2 1945

Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska.
December 19, 1944.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We are beginning to move around quite normal now. Yesterday we saw the sun a bit, it came up at 11AM and was gone about 2.30. We have learned the directions and location of the village now and can get around real well in the dark.

We have carefully checked over the supplies and have listed all that are here. Percy used some things during the summer, oranges, lemons and some other things that were needed and would not keep. I suppose he has sent you a list of the things he used and I hope this list we are sending will correspond. If there is any difference, give it to him, for he has a big family. We will be satisfied with this. It is much more than we will need and I wish he could have some of it, but the Nurse will want some supplies when she comes back to Gambell, and I think we can supply her with a good bit.

I sent you that first expense account before I had received the letter you sent to my Hazelton address containing the check for \$100.00 then in another letter I told you I had received it, now I have the last of the expenses to send, that is the Hotel bill at Nome. This is \$64.00. You have overpaid me \$36.00. We are not including our board, as we would have to eat wherever we were.

Every one here is making great preparation for Christmas. we have the Christmas boxes about completed from the shipment of goods sent in last summer. It is quite a task. We will know them better next year and be able to do better.

We have had two days of good weather, but the snow drifts are high. We are hoping the plane will get in this week. They can land on the lake now, the ice is nearly 3 ft. thick. The landing strip is very badly drifted.

I had a real thrill the other day. About 40 walrus were on the ice as it passed by the point and some men put out in a boat and ran right up to them before they woke up and shot three, one monster. I was watching them through the field glasses. what a picture that would have made!!!! When you get a camera, it might be well to get a telescopic lens or telephoto lens as it is called by the Bell & Howell makers. They have a turret head with three lenses. I do not know what these would cost, probably more than a camera, but you can consult a movie man and between the two of you I am sure you can get what I need.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

W. H. Bell
Elmer

Dear Sirs,

JAN 8 1945

What experiences you are having! We are glad to know you are settled and entering the life of the community and church. We trust this will mean a great ministry for you and your wife and the people of St. Lawrence Island.

We have checked the statement of food which you sent and notice particularly the absence of lemons, oranges, onions and sugar. We are asking Percy for a report on these things so we can make an adjustment on the bill, giving you all the credit possible.

Thank you for the report on travel. We shall check this again, & if we find we overpaid you \$36, we shall deduct it from your luxury bill.

Please confering with Dr. Horne & our staff about your camera and will give you a report later. We note your desire for a bigger one.

It is time for us to be thinking of the supply order for next summer shipment. This should be in our office by April 1st. We are responsible for the freight on your food and personal items. You should always keep two food on hand than you need in case a shipment should fail to reach you at any time. We are not responsible for the fuel and here again you should always have some on hand.

When you consider the condition of the buildings, we ought to save

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to the offer of \$2000 for a boat. You may already be inquiring
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enough to secure it this summer if that serves us.

The Lord willing I am hoping to see you during May,
no one knows what interruptions there may be but present
plans provide for a trip to the Arctic Coast at that time.
Cordially yours,

Increase in Missionary Salaries

Budget Year 1944-45

(Note: The Budget for 1944-45 included a Salary Adjustment Reserve of \$102,823. to continue "extra grants" for missionary salaries made during 1943-44 and for additional increases on the basis of minimum salary standards.)

Unit of Work	-1- Am't. needed for minimum salary stand.	-2- Amount allocated To continue extra grants	-3- For add'l. increases	-4- Add'l. am't. needed for min. stand.
S. S. Missions	7,610 ^a	7,610 ^b	----	----
Alaska	2,350	2,350	----	----
Ed. and Med.	63,604	29,104	10,440	24,060

January 9, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Campbell, St. Lawrence Island
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

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We have checked the statement of food which you sent and notice particularly the absence of lemons, oranges, fresh onions, sugar (granulated and powdered), and 2 cartons of Kool-aid assorted. We are asking Percy for a report on these things so we can make an adjustment on the bill, giving you all the credit possible.

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When you consider the condition of the building we ought to make some allowance for repairs or replacements. Miss Martin wrote something about the need of an oven door for the stove. We do not have too much money but could stand several hundred dollars for repairs, furniture, or whatever you find is needed. We know you will be reasonable in your askings and we will do our best to care for them.

You won't forget to make arrangements for the shipment of your tools on the summer boat and give further consideration to the offer of \$2000 for a boat. You may already be inquiring about the practicability of this and can take some action early enough to secure it this summer if that seems wise.

We are conferring with Dr. Thorne of our Staff about your camera and will give you a report later. We note your desire for a telephoto lens.

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The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

January 9, 1945

The Lord willing I am hoping to see you during May. No one knows what interruptions there may be but present plans provide for a trip to the Arctic Coast at that time.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman

Enc. Inst. for Alaskan Missionary Supplies

P.S. We understand that Miss Jane Gillespie wrote you several months ago asking for Christmas suggestions, etc. and if you have not already replied to her letter, may we remind you to send in this detailed information just as soon as possible? We need this for promotional purposes and for those people who are so very interested in your work.

Gambell, St. Lawrence Is. Alaska.
January 15, 1945.

FEB 24 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

This month has been encouraging. Our Sunday morning services are holding up well. We had wondered if the Christmas season was a reason for the goodly numbers during December, but they are coming in about the same numbers after Christmas.

The Christmas program was good. The children did well at the School program and then our young people gave a very good program Sunday afternoon in the church. These people are very free in giving. The distribution of the presents took longer than the program. With the help of the elders we had prepared a box for every one in Gambell. The boxes were filled according to the number in the family and the name placed on the box. We gave a bag of nuts, pop corn and candy to every person in Gambell. Mrs. Parker did most of the work in getting these ready.

We did not expect gifts, but we were surprised. Many ivory gifts came to us, also two Arctic fox furs and one fine seal skin, and a number of other articles, all of which made us very happy.

We have had some real blizzards. When the blizzard is on, every one stays in the house. During these times the men do a good bit of ivory carving. Then when the weather is good, they all go hunting. The weather they call "good" would make most of us stay at home in the States.

On January seventh we held our first Communion here. There were seven adults baptized and joined the church, also four children were baptized, making eleven in all. The adults have been on the prayer list for years and we rejoiced in their coming and confessing Christ. There were 138 partook of the Lord's Supper.

There was one death, January the 8th. An elderly woman, she had not been well for some time. I called to see her a number of times. There are a number of afflicted folks here in Gambell, but they are trustful souls, and love to read the Bible and talk about the wonderful Saviour we have. I always have prayer with them.

Sincerely in Christ,

Elmer G. Parker
Elmer G. Parker

Miss Vint
Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner

January 22, 1945

We have now received a final statement from The Rev. Elmer E. Parker in regard to his expenses on the trip from the States to Gambell, St. Lawrence Id., Alaska. He had advanced him a \$100 check in Sept. 1944 which was not taken into consideration in his statement of November 1944. Therefore, of this \$100 he has used \$44.- (bills attached) for their hotel accommodations while in Nome, and the balance of \$56.- is to be deducted from his next salary check and credited to our YUKON PRESBYTERY-WI SIONARY TRAVEL ACCOUNT.

Unit of Work in Alaska

PK 100.00 for Work Done per
3 bills attached totaling \$44.-

January 23, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Campbell
St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

My dear Mr. Parker:

We have just received a letter from Mr. Jackman who has been in conference with our Purchasing Agent, The Rev. William J. Howell, in Renton, Washington in regard to supplies for our missionaries along the Arctic Coast.

Mr. Howell indicates and Mr. Jackman reports that there are some items which will be very difficult to secure and orders for these items, or at least some indication of the quantity desired, should be reported as soon as possible to our office. They are: tea, butter, ham, bacon, pop corn, candy, pineapple, and fruit juices. Another thing, all clothing articles which contain wool should be bought now or in the fall. The supply is depleted in the Spring and the earlier the order comes the easier it is to fill. Therefore, it might be well for you to order any wool or part wool clothing now and if the order is not filled this Spring we may be able to have the articles bought in the Fall and shipped up for delivery sometime during 1946. We shall do our utmost to fill your order for the supplies which are obtainable and can be purchased (some substitutions may be necessary), and yet keep within the limits of our budget for the amount appropriated for the cost of maintenance items and the cost of shipping all goods to your station.

We should explain to you further that while Mr. Ipalook only ordered 1 case of Hormel hams last year, Mr. Howell could not get any bacon so he doubled up on the ham and had 2 cases shipped. This is the kind of substituting which may be done in cases of shortages.

We have finally checked your last statement on your travel costs and have asked our Treasury Department to deduct \$36.- from your next salary check which is the balance due the Board. This straightens out the account.

We have consulted Dr. Frederick H. Thorne who is the Secretary of our Visual Aid office here at headquarters about the possibility of securing a camera (16mm motion picture) for your use and he reports that he can get

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The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

January 23, 1945

the following by using a priority:

New Kodak magazine with F1.9..... \$145.99 with case
Pell & Howell 70A with F.3.5. lens.... 69.50
 \$215.49

We note that in a former letter you suggested deducting from \$75 to \$100 for a movie camera and are wondering if you would approve of paying \$215.49 which is a much higher figure than the original \$100 mentioned. Will await your advise on this before proceeding with this transaction.

We also should report to you that we are planning to have your pension dues deducted from your salary check as you requested in your letter of September 20th. This will be done as of October 1, 1944. This was overlooked up to this time but shall be taken care of immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

P.S. We have just heard from Dr. Thorne's office that the above mentioned movie camera and lens totaling \$215.49 has been picked up by someone else and is no longer available. These things seem to change daily and are very scarce. They also informed us that the telephoto or telescopic lens to which you referred in another letter would cost an additional \$50 to \$70. Before we expend this money by deducting it from your salary we would like to have your approval to do this. This does not include colored film which can be obtained. Probably the whole bill would come to about \$300 and if you approve we shall try to secure the best buy available.

FEB 7 1945

Campbell, St. Lawrence I., Alaska.
January 27, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Greetings from the land of great snowdrifts, cold winds, and howling dogs. We were so glad to get your letter last Thursday, and our hearts thrilled with the news of your plans. We have just learned of Miss Martin's resignation and were wondering what would be done for Savoonga. I am planning to go to Savoonga the 18th of February if the weather is not severe. We have had some very severe weather this week.

Statement of food,-

Concerning the sugar. Sorry for the oversight. We have both the granulated and pulverized. I meant to correct the Kool-aid entry. Percy took two cartons for the children and left a note. He left so many other things for us that it made up for the Kool-aid many times. Do not charge him for the two cartons. The oranges, lemons and onions were used before we came. Such items would not have kept. We have every thing else.

Supply order,-

This went out on the plane last Thursday.

Condition of the building,-

If you can double the order I sent in for lumber, please do so. We had much anxiety last night during the high wind about midnight. We expected any moment that the west wall might be carried into the Beiring sea. I called James and told him about it. He said the house was built with wire nails and they were rusted away, and then to add comfort said, "It will go some day!" The elders said the roof leaked in a number of places and thought we better order new roofing, but we have one roll and some cement and I think we can patch for now or for this next summer. The oven door was easily repaired, and now we have fine bread. We do not need more furniture, but this will have to be repaired when the supplies come. The silver ware and cooking utensils are ample, but we have only one china cup, one granite and one glass, there are several plates and saucers and a few odds and ends. As to many other things that might be mentioned, I shall leave them until you come.

Shipping of tools,-

I have sent word for our clothing and some machines to be sent to Mr. Howell. I am not having my lathe sent for there is a better one here. The Natives have their own electric light plant (out of order now) and the manse and church is wired. I can use my motor and the little machines nicely. There is also an electric washing machine and iron here. Miss Martin asked if we could use her radio, so we will have it some time. It would be well for Miss Martin's successor to bring a radio. Savoonga has electricity also.

Mission Boat,-

I have taken up the subject with the elders and they advise getting a skin boat, made of walrus skin and well ribbed with a well for the out-board motor. This is very good. The skin boat is light and can be beached in short time should a storm come up suddenly. I have asked the Native Store to order a motor for me to be used for visiting the camps. The Govt. will sell only 4 HP motors, but this is sufficient by having a smaller boat. In case I cannot get this motor, one of the trustees offered the use of his. All together, this equipment would not cost over \$500.00 and it would be well worth it. I have written to Mrs. Ira Hayes, Eden, Idaho, and given her all the information. You may hear from her.

Camera,-

Mr. Daugherty has a 16mm Eastman Magazine F 1... It works fine in this cold climate, the magazine is more economical, quickly changed. If the photo lens is not available, he offered his. I would like an Eastman.

Christmas suggestions,-

This information was mailed to Miss Jane Gillespie on January 2nd, but I do not recall just when the mail left the Island.

Lighterage,-

The Native Store takes care of the lighterage for us here.

Fuel drums,-

There is no place for storing drums here at the Mission, either full or empty. They sit out in the weather and rust from the time they arrive until they are no more. Some of the drums are marked "used" and the Ship will not take them back. Should we get new drums or good painted drums, they are old and rusty before the year passes, so they are refused. A storage shed would be a grand help, for now our drums are under snow.

Coal,-

I have asked for 8 ton instead of the 6 as was ordered last year. We are using some coal that has been stored for a long time from the looks of it. Much of it is fine powder. Very hard to do anything with but felt that it must be taken out of the bin for safety, and as there is not a pound to spare, we are using this powder. It is not even slacked, I mean, powder. It fairly explodes when putting it in the stove. Should a coal shipment miss us now we would have to turn Eskimo and use seal oil.

Kitchen floor,-

We had thought of asking for linoleum for the floor but decided the floor is so rough the linoleum would soon break and look as bad or worse than it does now.

Living room,-

We asked for wall paper. We have patched this so it does not look so ragged but it is soiled and faded and the patches show up very plainly. We would like something of a soft tone as stated on the order. And should you know of some one that would like to give a 9x12 rug, it would be very much appreciated.

We will be praying that the Lord will enable you to be with us. Your visit will be an inspiration to the people here and at Savoonga. We will be glad to have the fellowship with you.

I believe plane service will be more dependable by then and you can plan your stay with us accordingly. The Wein Airways have the contract for the mail and it is supposed to be delivered between the first of the month and the tenth. Winter weather has not permitted that.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

JAN 12 1945

Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska.
February 15, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Another month of joyful service for the Master. It is truly joyful except for the funerals. Three of the four were young people from our group of members. All left this life trusting in the hope of the resurrection and assurance of Salvation in Christ.

We have had some very severe weather during this month. Often the people tell us they could not keep warm. We trust the worst is over now. There were some days too severe to be out at all.

The village is still without light, but we have started out midweek meetings and are using gas lamps and lanterns. The first Wed. night prayer meeting we had 100 present. On the following Thurs. night there were 89 present for the Bible Study Class and that was a very cold night. The people are much interested in the midweek meetings and to my great delight, they are Bible readers.

The Young People have started their regular monthly business meetings, and they have also started a Library Hour, held on Monday evenings. We believe this will prove to be a great help to the folks of all ages. The Young People are sponsoring the program under Mrs. Parker's supervision. All are welcome to come and read.

At the Session's monthly business meeting it was decided to hold Sunday School at 11 A.M. and the worship service at 4 P.M. as there is now light enough in the afternoon. This program was interrupted the very first Sunday about thirty minutes before bell time; a messenger came saying the mail plane was in the air leaving Nome for the Island. The plane lands on the lake about two miles from the village and the dog teams go to meet it. So there was no meeting as was planned. We held the S.S. in the afternoon at the hour for worship. Mrs. Parker has taken over the S.S. for the children and we had promised them a school that day, so we kept our promise.

On Wed. Jan. 31st. I had the misfortune of hurting my leg as I started to make some sick calls. I started up a rather steep snow bank and as I put my toe in the snow and sprinted up the drift a muscle let go in the calf of my leg and I took a grand spill. It swelled badly from the knee to the toes and the heel turned quite black. The third day I had a funeral. They sent a sled for me and I hobbled in to the little hut and gave such comfort as the reading of the Word and prayer. I did not miss any meetings. Stood on one foot through the worship service.

I hope there will not be any more such ordeals. Yet this revealed the hearts of these people to us. We had so many visitors we could hardly find time to eat, all came to pray for us and offer any help they could. They brot our water and kept the coal in and were very solicitous for our comfort. I am getting around real well now and most of the swelling is gone.

I am enclosing an item found in the desk here which will speak for its self. However, our association with Mr. Daugherty has been very pleasant.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Eloise E. Parker

MAR 13 1945

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, GAMBELL, ST. LAWRENCE IS. ALASKA.

March 2, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Jackman

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your telegram came yesterday. I was somewhat surprised for I had not expected much improvement until after you come to see us. Your telegram was sent at 12.36 and we received it at 3.30. That is pretty good service for an out of the way island.

I called the elders and trustees and we have gone over the needs and feel that if the floor could be new, the west end on the manse made secure, the place would be in fair condition for some time. These men want Savoonga to have a church before they use too much for themselves. Beside this, they think these buildings are getting pretty old and are not anxious to keep repairing and soon have enough money in this old building to have made a new church.

I have not told them any of our desires, but we both agree pretty well with them. This morning they told me they did not want to put in more repairs than was necessary. We need more room for the S.S. and when there is any special service, there is scarcely room to turn around when they all get in.

There is one convenience we would like to have. I spoke to the men about it and they think it should be done. That is a toilet and a disposal system. This need not cost too much. We could do all the work. Paul and Andrew looked over the set found in the Sears, Roebuck catalogue and I shall make out the list for you. It can be bought any place you wish but Sears, Roebuck is the guide book for all of us here.

As for furniture, we could use a springs and mattress for a 3/4 size bed. We have one good bed, and there is a 3/4 bed ~~stead~~ but no springs or mattress. It is a 42 inch bed ~~stead~~.

Paul did not show me the letter he wrote you after the elders and trustees had their meeting shortly after the big wind storm that nearly took out the west end of the house.

We both thank you very much for this encouragement. We would not complain even if this could not be accomplished, but it would be so nice to have a good floor and the toilet and disposal system.

I had planned to go to Savoonga today but the new snow and the wind made the trail bad for the dogs so the men thought we had better wait until tomorrow. If the snow hardens then we will go.

PS. We have our
electric lights today.
How nice.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

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Pok n from the November 11, 1940 West Pacific Union Glazier.

"After reading of the Bible and gospel literature and the example of Christian living on the part of the school teachers (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daugherty), many natives have become interested in the prophecies and important gospel truths, for this time, and we hope it will be possible in the near future to place a mission worker on the Island and establish a mission for these eager people. The Spirit of God is doing a work among them silently but surely preparing the honest in heart for the coming of the missionary."

This was written by Mr. Wood, of Juneau,
a Seventh Day Adventist who was here last
September 19th.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
GAMBELL, ST. LAWRENCE IS.,
ALASKA.

APR 20 1945

March 15, 1945.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

The last few days have been so interesting to us, for the natives are talking about spring opening up the water and there are no signs of spring as we can see. Snow ten feet deep and ice piled like small mountains and the temperature is below zero day and night.

One of the outstanding events of the month was the World Day of Prayer. There were 147 assembled in the evening and after a brief song service and a message from the Word, we engaged in prayer. The spirit of prayer came upon the group in a wonderful way. Men and women could be heard praying all over the church. They were not waiting one for the other but all opened their hearts to the Lord and the power of prayer was upon all of us.

Some of the elders and Mrs. Parker and myself remained up till midnight and carried the prayer on to the finish of the day, thus closing the day with prayer during the last minutes of the day as we are the last group and only a few minutes from the date line.

An offering was taken and the officers sent twenty dollars for the World Day of Prayer support.

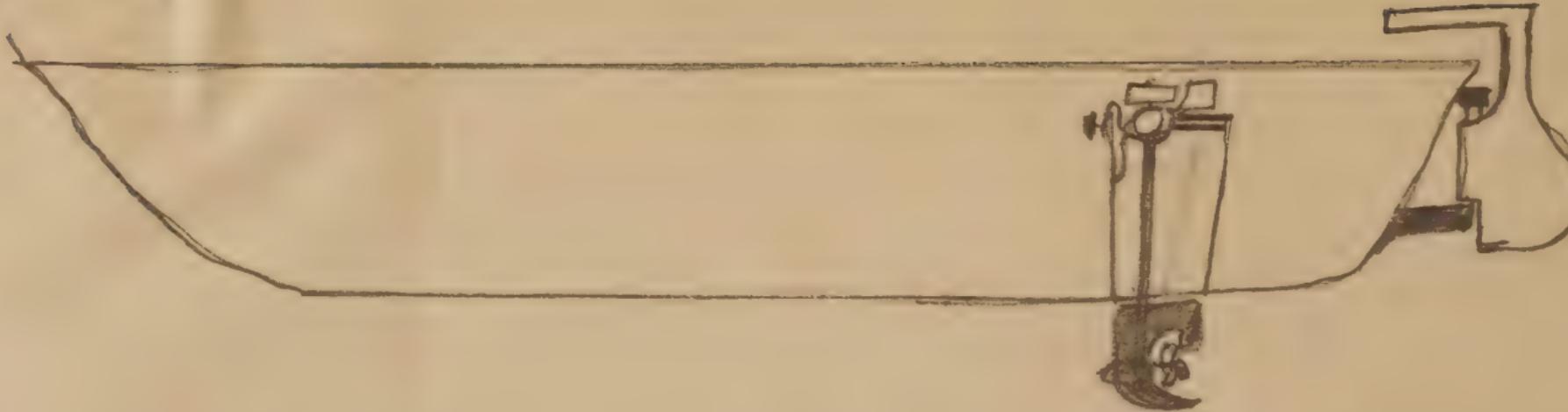
For over two weeks I planned to go to Savoonga, but weather hindered, also the accident with my leg bothered some about getting around. On the sixth we left rather early for the trip. It was 18 below here in the village but when we reached the top of the hill, I think it dropped a good bit. We slid along over the snow with the wind to our backs until we reached Camp Collier at the south end of the bay, then we had to change our direction and the wind was somewhat in our faces and very cold. It is one thing to read about the "bite" of the North, and another thing to feel it. We were warmed up once on the trip. An Arctic fox came near the dog team before seeing us; our dogs left the trail and gave chase. Our sled came very near going through the antics of a broncho. Roy was swaying from side to side to keep the sled from going over. The fox soon outdistanced the team and we returned to the trail; it was a thrill while it lasted.

The visit to Savoonga was very encouraging. Miss Martin has the work well organized. There were 203 present for the afternoon services and Communion. I visited a number of the homes. There were eight babies dedicated to the Lord. Savoonga is much in need of a church building and a house for the Missionary. The young people of Savoonga are very active in their church work.

Sincerely in Christ,

Elmer E. Parker

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This may give you an idea of what I mean by the "well". They say the motor works better from this position because the waves are so large some times the propeller is out of the water if fastened on the very stern of the boat. This is no doubt the case with a short assembly.

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Gambell, St. Lawrence Is., Alaska.
March 23, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

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My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Thanks for your letter explaining the statement to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Some time ago I spoke to the manager of the native store and asked him about the possibility of getting one of the out board motors they had ordered for this season. He thought I could have one. As the fur season has closed and the men have had a good season, there are more of them going to want new motors than was expected. So my chances are slim for getting one here from the store.

I believe a Missionary who has to travel by boat from point to point is eligible for a priority for a motor. There are two churches and I know of eleven summer camps that should be visited during the summer, and there may be more east of Savoonga that I do not know about.

The elders are making preparations for a new boat for the Mission. I shall leave to you to see what can be done about getting the motor. The Board could get the priority much better than I can here.

Here are the specifications,-

Johnson Motor. Not less than 10 HP or more than 16 HP.
Propeller assembly not less than 3 feet long from bottom of crank case or more than 40 inches.

This propeller assembly is necessary because the motor is placed in a well in the back part of the boat instead of on a board at the stern. The inconvenient thing about this is that the motor has to be taken off and lifted out of the well before landing on the shore. Yet it has to be long enough to project a foot or more below the bottom of the boat.

A letter from Mrs. Ira Hayes, Eden, Idaho, was received just a few days ago and said she would send you the money when you need it.

This is a fine spring day, the sun is very bright, there is no wind and it was only 22 below this morning. Ha. The natives are getting ready for the spring hunting. Clara and I do not see much spring in it. Its very interesting tho. We are glad you sent us here and we are learning to love these people more every day. They are a fine group of people to work with and for. This church means more to them than anything other thing civilization has brought them.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

Sixty Dollars
Memorandum March 26, 1945

To - - Miss Vint
From - The Rev. J. Earl Jackman

We have recently sent The Rev. Elmer E. Parker, and his wife, to Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska as our minister. They are living in the manse property in connection with the Church, and we are asking that they have the allowance of 15% of the salary for the provision of the manse.

A search of our records indicates that we do not own this manse property and the question has arisen as to whether the credit for the manse should be granted. The reason that we don't own the manse property lies in the fact that we have only occupancy rights in this community. The Island is a reservation for Eskimos and no one is permitted to own property there. This local restriction should not interfere with this credit for The Rev. Mr. Parker. Therefore, we are asking the manse credit be allowed in the estimate on his pension.

Inasmuch as The Rev. Mr. Parker is so far away and mail is uncertain, he has asked us to pay his pension premium and take it from his salary check which we deposit in his bank in Seattle. The first six months dues have not been cared for and we need an early decision on this manse credit so that this can be settled.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

March 27, 1945

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Mrs. Mabel Rogantine
Eden, Idaho*

My dear Mrs. Rogantine:

The Rev. Mr. Parker has written to us from Gambell that you very kindly offered to purchase a boat for use in the mission there during his service. This was a very generous offer and would greatly increase his ability to serve the Eskimo people and also the army camps for the weather stations.

Recently Mr. Parker has written again that the Eskimos have advised the use of a skin boat with an outside motor which would be much less expensive than a wooden boat. If this is to be made available for his service it would be necessary to purchase the motor in Seattle during April or early May and make provision for shipping on the summer boat. Very few boats touch that part of the Arctic Coast during the summer and provision must be made for those things at a very early date because of the limitation on shipping space. We do not know what recent correspondence you have had with Mr. Parker but would be glad to offer our cooperation in any way possible to complete this offer for the extension of his ministry on St. Lawrence Island.

I am leaving for Alaska today and hope to have a visit with Mr. Parker.

Cordially yours,

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

April 4, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. William J. Howell
107 Main Street
Renton, Washington

My dear Mr. Howell:

We quote ~~the~~ following from a letter just received from our missionary at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, The Rev. Elmer E. Parker:

"I believe a missionary who has to travel by boat from point to point is eligible for a priority for a motor. There are two churches and I know of eleven summer camps that ~~s~~ would be visited during the summer, and there may be more east of Savoonga that I do not know about."

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Mr. Howell, is it possible for you to get this motor for Mr. Parker? Do you suppose my quoting from Mr. Parker's letter as stated above will serve for securing a priority for this purchase if such priority is necessary? If not, then we shall have to get a letter from one of the officers around here but will await further word from you before doing this. If you buy the motor will you kindly send us a separate bill for it as this bill is to be paid in a special way.

The enclosed tracing was made from a copy of what Mr. Parker sent in as his interpretation of the "well".

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Karl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Apr. 15, 1945.

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Presbyterian Mission,
Gambell, St. Lawrence Is., Alaska.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

The long talked of "Spring" has arrived; the only evidence we see of it is the fact of bared heads; it is too hot to have the hood over the head. The spring temperature ranges from 10 to 20 degrees above zero.

The snow did settle a bit last week when the sun came out very bright for a few hours. The spring fever struck me and I had to shovel the snow off the kitchen roof. The roof leaked and the water was running down through the cupboards and over the floor and that would make most any one have spring fever. It was really a thrill to see water moving by itself, for every thing has been frozen tight since we came.

We had a big wind a few days ago and it took the ice pack out. That was a sight to see. Thousands upon thousands of tons of ice frozen tight and then see it break up and float away in a few hours.

We have been crowded for room in the church for some time and the officers thought some thing should be done, so we met and planned to change the partition and move the stair way. The groups came together and planned the work, then each group took a day and we had it all done in five days. Now we have room enough to seat all who come, but we are short of seats and there is no lumber to make seats.

Our Easter services were well attended. There were 229 present for the Communion Services, three babies dedicated to the Lord in Baptism and the wife of one of the CAA workers joined the Gambell church, coming from the Methodist Church. When we realize there are only 264 persons in Gambell, we see that nearly every one was present who could get out to the services. There are about 30 Seventh Day Adventists. (We heard last week, they are planning to build a church here in Gambell as soon as possible) I do not know how much truth there is in the report.)

We are hoping to see you next month.

Very Sincerely,

Elmer E. Parker

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

April 24, 1945

Forwarding Mr. Rogan
Mrs. Ira Hayes
Eden, Idaho

My dear Mrs. Hayes:

The Rev. Mr. Parker has written to us from Gambell that you very ~~CINDY~~ offered to purchase a boat for use in the mission there during his service. This was a very generous offer and will greatly increase his ability to serve the Eskimo people and also the army camps for the weather stations.

Recently, Mr. Parker has written again that the Eskimos have advised the use of a skin boat with an outside motor which would be much less expensive than a wooden boat. He also sent a drawing of the type of motor needed and has given the specifications. This information has been passed on to our Purchasing Agent in Seattle and we trust that he will be able to purchase this motor and send it up on the summer boat. Very few boats touch that part of the Arctic Coast during the summer and provision must be made for these things at an early date because of the limitation on shipping space.

We have also been informed by Mr. Parker that you would send us the money in payment of this bill when we need it. Just as soon as we hear from our Purchasing Agent, The Rev. William J. Howell, we shall contact you again.

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, who is Secretary of this Unit, is in Alaska at this time. He arrived in Juneau on March ~~XV~~ and expects to return about May 15th. Mr. Jackman has it on his schedule to touch Gambell on this trip, but one never knows how weather and transportation facilities will alter these plans.

We appreciate this expression of interest which you are taking in our work at Gambell through The Rev. Elmer E. Parker, and we would be glad to offer our cooperation in any way possible to complete this offer for the extension of his ministry on St. Lawrence Island.

Cordially yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
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Presbyterian Mission,
Gambell, St. Lawrence Is. Alaska.
May 15, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

It was a sad faced group of Eskimos and a disappointed missionary that met in the church Sunday evening after being notified the plane trip had been postponed. We are so sorry for there are so many things to show you and talk about. It is impossible to give the picture in word. We hope you will be more successful next time. It might be better to visit Alaska in the summer, for planes will be coming as soon as the landing strip is settled after the frost goes out. Also the Army has a B Y and they land on the lake any time after the ice is out. They have landed on the ice with it twice this winter and if they can make it they are expecting to come soon.

It may be a bit of interesting news to know the Daughertys are going out to stay. I like Mr. D. but Mrs. is one live Adventist Missionary. I get along fine with him. Our next step is to pray that the next teachers will be friendly to the work. Will you please join us in the request to the Lord? We would like so much to have some of our own Presbyterian folks take over here. We could have a great program for the Eskimos.

The ice is pretty well out now and the men are hunting. They killed two whales the last of April, then the ice came in again and they have not been out much until today. I was in the boat that shot the second whale. I had Mr. Daugherty's 16 MM and tried to get pictures of it. I do not think it is good practice to try to take pictures on the first trip as exciting as that was, at least not for me. I forgot to take the pictures just when the excitement was high. Guess I was all eyes. Especially when the whale flipped his tail and sent our boat going the other way when the harpoon struck him. We were nearly on top of his back!!!

Some of our people have gone out to the camps and there will be more going next month. We probably will not have so many at the meetings from now on until fall when they come back in. Those who have children in school will not go until school is out. We will sure need our boat then. I am anxious to hear what you could do about getting an out-board motor for us. Also about getting the 16 MM color film. I asked for 12 magazines of 50 feet. I will take more if you can get them. Mr. Daugherty and I are working together on getting these pictures and he is going to let me have some of his good pictures for some of mine. That is, we will have duplicates made of our best films. I borrowed magazines from his supply to take of the whale hunt.

At the meeting of the church officers, the suggestion was made that they send you some ivory gifts made by their own hands. They are so sorry you did not get here and so are you and these gifts may help you get over the disappointment. I have some of them now and will be sending them to you before long. Some have not finished their carving yet.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

May 24, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell, St. Lawrence Id.
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

I am still regretting my inability to visit Gambell and see you and your good wife on the job. This will have to wait for a future time.

The letter which was sent to me at Gambell and returned by you to the office was a letter from Dr. Campbell who formerly served on the Island. He asked to be remembered to a number of the eskimos by name. One of the ones he mentioned was Patrick Womkon whom I met at Nome while he was waiting for the return trip home.

We have been considering your circumstances and the high cost of living and have found a little extra money to make an adjustment in your salary. Beginning April 1st, we are increasing it to the rate of \$2000. a year and manse. This will add approximately \$16.70 per month to your salary check from the Board. When you send in your next voucher you should add this amount for April, May, and June and we shall ask the Treasury Department to include in your next check this amount for the three months. We hope it will be possible to continue this advance during the next budget year beginning October 1st. You will receive further notice on that later.

As the work is better organized under your direction, we hope it will be possible to work out a plan whereby the people will make regular contributions to the support of the mission and the missionary. We want them to share in their ministry in a very concrete way. When the time comes when they can participate in your salary then we will make an appropriate deduction here at the office assuring you of the same level of salary.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
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May 25, 1945

VIA AIR MAIL

The Rev. Elmer L. Parker
Campbell
St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

Dear Elmer:

In the letter which we had from Dr. Campbell, he has asked several questions concerning that he has noticed at Gambell between his ministry and yours. He sends us a little printed stamp which was set on the books in the library of the Presbyterian Church of Gambell and asks if this library is being kept up and whether it is being used to advantage. If it is he would be willing to send some books to add to it.

All money which was given him by Mr. Paulding of the Church of Santa Barbara, California and his own contributions, he erected a building and bought supplies for a native store, and had sales vouchers and correspondence supplies printed in order to maintain the Eskimo Building and Loan Association. This was a cooperative merchandising operation to correct and eliminate the way the traders and other traders were cheating; the Eskimo because the natives did not know the value of their whale bone, fox furs, and ivory or the prices which they should pay for store supplies purchased from the traders. At that time the store was in charge of Ozevoseook who made out the sales slip for every transaction. They sent their products to The Seattle Hardware Company and received goods in return. He indicates this building belonged to the mission just as much as the residence of the missionary and Church. He has asked what the condition of the store and building and the Building and Loan Association are now.

You may have come across some copies of the St. Lawrence Island Catechism which he had printed for use there. He raises the question whether a further printing would help in your work.

He sends greetings to some folks and we give you the sentence which he uses: "We cared for, in our home there, a boy we name Phillip Maskin Campbell. Tell him we love him yet, as well as Ozevoseook, Womkon, Oningou,

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The Rev. Miner N. Parker

May 25, 1945

Seelen, Otiyohok, Tatoowi, (all at Gambie) and Sepillas, Fannie and Teemo (a woman) down at the reindeer camp at Sevoccoonquu." I shall ask you to give these greetings to as many of the people named as may still be there.

You may relay this information through us or you may write directly to Mr. George B. Campbell, 500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, California. He is still vitally interested in Gambell and would be glad to hear the good news of the progress of your work.

Cordially yours,

J. M. J.

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
GAMBELL, ALASKA, ST. L. IS.
June 15, 1945

JUL 3 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

You will notice that this report shows the results of the flu epidemic that has swept the Island. On the first Sunday there were a number ill and by the time of the afternoon meeting, the coughing was so severe that we dismissed the meeting without the last song.

During the next three weeks there were scarcely enough well people in the village to care for the ill. The School was dismissed Monday morning. Mr. Daugherty became ill that day. I made a number of calls on Sat. Sun. Mon. and Tues. morning, but went to bed that afternoon. Mrs. Parker had some fever and head ache but did not go to bed. In a few days Mrs. Daugherty went down. We have no nurse here now. She was called to the mainland some time ago. There wasn't a soul to be seen outside unless he had to be out. O! We were a sick people. Mrs. D. was among the first to recover and she began to give what medicine there was available.

Most of us were able to assemble for worship on the fourth Sunday and give Praise and Thanksgiving that the mercies of our God had been given us and that we were all alive on the Island after such a severe illness. There are a number of very weak bodies and the outcome may still be tragic for some who have T.B. We are still hopefull.

There is very little snow left in the village now and the grass is beginning to get green. It is beautiful to behold. The mountain has drifts of snow one hundred and more feet in depth. The lake is frozen solid yet. Most of the shore ice was broken off on the sea coast by the great swells of water that came up from the south a few days ago. There is very little ice left now. One of the men told me there would be no more hunting now. In a few days they will be fishing.

We are hoping the freight boat will be in by the first of July. We ordered some clothes last winter, supposing they would come in by Parcel Post as we ordered and paid for. Now we find they will be in when the freighter comes as it brings the Parcel Post also. We are desperately in need of clothes, especially Mrs. Parker.

It has been some time since we have had mail. We are anxious to hear something about Miss Green. We hope she is not waiting over at Nome all this time.

Sincerely

Elmer E. Parker

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

June 29, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Johnson Motor Company
Pershing Road
Waukegan, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

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We have a missionary at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska whose ministry covers visitation of camps of Eskimos and White men along the shores of the Island during the summer. In order to complete this ministry it is necessary for him to have a light boat with an outboard motor; because of the prevalence and lack of warning of storms which arise in that area it is necessary to have a boat which can be pulled out of the water quickly. Consequently, they built a skin boat. In the building of the skin boat they made a well inside the rear of the boat into which they put an outboard motor. The shaft of the motor is to come below the surface of the boat and must be lifted out of the well when they beach the boat.

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The Rev. Mr. Parker, the missionary, has written asking us to procure a Johnson Outboard Motor not less than 10 horse power or more than 16. He indicates the propeller assembly should not be less than 3 feet long from the bottom of the crank case or more than 40 inches. This is necessary because the motor is placed in the well at the back of the boat.

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We are having difficulty supplying this requirement and his ministry in the summer period is much curtailed by the lack of this equipment. We are appealing to you in the possibility of supplying this motor to help us carry on the necessary spiritual ministry in an isolated Territory.

May we ask you to let us know if it is possible to procure this motor in the specifications indicated and what the price would be? We need to act quickly on this because boats can get into St. Lawrence Island only during the summer months and we shall have to have delivery in Seattle very shortly. If we cannot get it to Seattle in time for the annual boat it would then be necessary for us to ship it to the Interior by boat and railroad and thence by plane with very uncertain transportation to the Island. We earnestly hope it will be possible for your firm to help us in this need.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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JUL 27 1945

Presbyterian Mission,
Gambell, Alaska.
July 13, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We have returned from Savoonga where we left Miss Green. Our trip homeward was interrupted, we beached the boat and walked over the mountain, arriving here at 7.30 P.M. The trip over to Savoonga was very nice and we enjoyed it very much. We went over the 5th. Had Communion with them Sunday afternoon. We started home Monday, the 9th, but we turned back after an hours ride for the wind was coming up and we did not get away until Thursday. The wind came up so strongly at the east end of Gambell mountain that we had to stop on the other side and unload the boat and beach it. Any way we are glad we are back, and we had a good visit while at Savoonga.

While there I looked over the plan or the location for the church which is on file at the school house. You may have a copy. The location is good but it could be better if it were moved to the south about 250 feet. The plan has a distance of 104 feet from the School buildings and that is too close for fire safety.

Also at the Elders meeting, we took up the matter of a foundation for the building. They suggested large timbers. The building to be built on the timbers. The store building is built on timbers and seems to be well anchored.

Albert was talking to me about the Kukulik House and we wondered if there might be a possibility of getting the house from the College of Alaska and building the church with the material. We went over to look it over and the lumber is good and there is plenty to make a good church and manse. The Building is not insulated, but there is enough to put up the frame and all the siding and partitions. I believe the building is 90 by 18.

I hardly think the College will do any more work there and the building will soon be in bad condition. We wondered if you would care to take it up with the College. Kukulik is about 5 miles east of Savoonga and ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xx~~ ~~xxxx~~ could be brot over by boat after being razed. If this is interesting to you, let me know and I will measure up the material and send the measurements to you. I spoke to Miss Green about the building but have mentioned it to no one else. You may inquire from the University of Alaska if the building is for sale if you are interested.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer Parker

July 17, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell
St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

Dear Elmer:

We have been trying unsuccessfully to get you an outboard motor for the skin boat. Your good friend in Idaho is standing by with the money to pay for it as a memorial for her husband, but we have no further information to give her.

We asked Mr. Howell to see about the motor giving him the description which you sent us. He was unable to do anything about it because such motors are under the control of the Navy and they refuse to release one for your use. So far as we know the boat has gone without any provision for you.

We have been investigating here from the office and find that they are not making motors with the length of shaft which you have requested. There is not one in existence and one could not be made for the duration. We have found, however, that their standard model, which you described with a shaft a few inches longer than usual, might be available under a high priority rating. There is considerable question whether or not we could get a priority of sufficient importance to secure one any place in the country. We have written to the regional Priority Board asking for a proper application to see if it can be secured. We have had no report from them yet.

Our thought is that if sufficient priority can be secured to get it, we might ship it by boat and rail to Fairbanks and get the Wien Airlines to take it over on the first plane in the Fall. That will probably be too late for this season but would allow you to have it so that proper adjustments can be made in the building of the boat for it.

When it was reported to us that it was impossible to secure the longer shaft the thought occurred to me that you might build your skin boat in such manner as to have an adjustable seat in the well for it.

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The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

July 17, 1945

You could drop it down low when in the water and set it higher so that the propeller is above the bottom of the boat when the boat is taken out of the water. This seems to be the only practical solution under the circumstances.

We are sorry to have failed you in this particular case and wish it had been possible to get it for you during this whole season. We are still working on it.

We received the wire from Alice Green when she had arrived at Savoonga with you and your wife. We were relieved to know of her arrival and were assured when we found The Parker's were with her.

We deeply regret to hear of the flu epidemic on the Island. We can readily see how thankful your people were for the recovery which was so general.

We have received word indirectly that The Daugherty's are being transferred and you will have a new couple with you this coming year. We trust that you will have a greater spirit of cooperation.

We hope the freight boat has arrived by this time bringing you some clothes. It takes a year's experience to learn what provision one must make for all these needs.

Many, many people are asking about you and praying for your success in the work in Gambell. We feel sure the Lord will richly bless you in your ministry among the Eskimos.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska

Stamps Aug. 4. July 27,

Gambell, Alaska,
July 26, 1945.

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Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letter of May 24th came today on the ship. We have had no mail for weeks. We were able to send out some mail with the Army plane but nothing came in. We received a good number of Christmas packages.

I wish to thank you for the increase in salary. We appreciate it very much. We did not order so much perishable provisions from the States for this spring shipment, but will get our winter supply from Mr. Polet. We lost practically all of our potatoes and two cases of eggs. By getting a later shipment of potatoes, fruit and eggs, there wouldn't be that loss. The little Trading boat was in and said they would be back by fall. We can get the goods brought over on it.

We are anxious to know what is coming off of the boat. There have been no invoices arrive to let us know what we are getting, other than part of our groceries and of the lumber, nails and cement. I am glad you were able to get the building material. I shall enjoy repairing the manse.

Thanks for the word from Dr. Campbell. The older Eskimos speak often of the good days when Dr. Campbell was here. They loved him very much. The Building and Loan Association Dr. Campbell organized has been the means of enabling nearly every family to have a good house. The houses are well built and all are painted nicely. The shingle roofs are stained red and green and the village is a pretty sight. When Dr. Campbell was here there were only two frame houses and the Mission, all of the Eskimos lived in walrus skin houses. Dr. Campbell did a wonderful work here. The store is a ~~thriving~~ flourishing concern. We can often buy extras from the store and the prices are very reasonable.

I shall pass on the greetings from the Doctor. They will be pleased to hear from him. His adopted son Philip is a deacon and a very fine man. He has charge of the mail deliveries here on the Island.

We have a few of the St. Lawrence Island Catechisms the Doctor had printed. They were good for that day but these people have advanced in their use of the English and can use the same lessons as we have. We can not go much above the third or fourth grade in the use of English. There are a few who have graduated from the eighth grade and this year there are three graduates. We had hoped to get one or two of them to go to Sitka, but the parents have not given consent. We hope the girls will get the ninth grade here this year and then we will try to get consent from the folks for next year. Patrick Wamkon's daughter is one of the girls we would like to see go to Sitka. Mr. Wamkon was on the Grand Jury this spring and he saw so much sin and the wages being paid for it that he is not anxious to let his daughter venture out. Adelinda is our pianist and is a very promising young woman.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

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Gambell, Alaska,
August 1, 1945.

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Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York 10, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Gambell is about normal again after the rushing days of unloading the supplies from the S.S. Sutherland. All of the deliveries have been made from the shore but the coal, it will come in a few days.

I have made out a report for the last half of July, and added the \$16.70 raise in salary for April, May and June.

All of the provisions arrived in nice condition. There were some things ordered that were not sent. We think Mr. Howell did the best he could under so many restrictions. We are pleased with every thing that came.

The only missing articles were my safety razor blades and a two pound box of cheese. I can stand the loss of the cheese, and hope the sailor that opened the case to get it enjoyed it, but I am wondering what I will look like without the razor blades by next spring. Ha. I shall try to order some by air mail.

For some reason our personal goods were not sent from Seattle. This has been a disappointment. I expected my tools to do the repairing of the manse, I haven't so much as a hammer to work with. Clara was expecting to have some linnen changes and a few ~~xx~~ dresses, curtains and other things that go to make a wife happy. Well, they may arrive on another ship, and even if they do not, we will still be happy. We will just change that "D" in that word disappointment to an "H" and let it be "His appointment!"

We have had a real sunny summer so far but the month of August will be somewhat damp ~~month~~, the natives tell us. They expect to be fishing and hunting seal soon.

Sincerely Yours.

Elmer E. Parker

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
GAMBELL, ALASKA,
ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND.
August 24, 1945.

SEP 4 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letter of July 17th arrived a few days ago. I see I have been a great bother to you about the motor. I gave the measurements of the motors used here. Now that the war is over it may not be so hard to get a priority and if the motor could be sent this fall it would help next spring, but if it cannot, it can be used after the freighter comes in. We have the North Star back in service now and it made its first trip to the Island last wed. the 22nd. It brot the new Teacher and family and took the Daughertys out. It will be back from Point Barrow in about a month and it is to bring over any freight for the Island that may be in Nome. I do hope Mr. Howell got our boxes off and the tools get over. We sent out for clothing to come in by Parcel Post so we will make it all right even if the N.S. does not bring our freight.

Andrew has started to build the skin boat. I do not know when it will be finished. Andrew is President of the Board of Directors and is a busy man for a while after the provisions come in. He is one of the best boat builders so if he is longer at it, I think it will pay.

I made an eight day trip to the east end of the Island, taking in the camps as far as Punuk Islands. I did not go to Kialegak at S.E. Cape for the family was to return to Savoonga in a few days and there the possibility of missing them and making the trip for nothing. I was surprised to see the amount of drift wood on that end of the Island. There were good saw logs and poles and often good sawed timbers and boards. The camps are all built of drift materials and some of them are real nice camps. I wish the current would bring some of it over here to the west end. A good motor launch would be better than wishing though.

Over a year ago one of the Weather Bureau men gave \$15.00 to the Church here as a Memorial for his Mother and the natives put \$10.00 more to it and went out for an illuminated cross to be placed in the church. They expected it to come last year with the Mission supplies from Seattle and they have been looking for it every since. I understood that they had it sent to Mr. Howell and it arrived to late to come up last year but now that it did not come this time, they are wondering what became of it.

I like your suggestion of the adjustable well for the motor in the skin boat. I have asked Andrew to wait untill we get the motor before putting the well in the boat.

We are so thankful for the close of the war. We have had some exciting times here on the Island. The balloons came over the Island, some landing and last May we had a Russian land here in a little skin boat. We could not tell whether he was a spy or a prophet. The Army interviewed him, then the immigration authorities, and last the FBI. It proved to be a case of saving his life by running away from the Soviet. He is now in the States and has made application for citizenship.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer E. Parker

Gambell, Alaska.
Sept. 1, 1945.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

This is more or less a personal note but thought I would add it as the mail is so uncertain. We have not had any late mail and there may be a letter waiting from you, but I thought best to mention the ivory the folks sent to you. I mailed on June 17. Insured it for \$50.00. There was about 49 dollars worth of ivory at Island price. Now if you have received it and have sent word of it, please disregard this. I sent it to your home address.

I have some more I shall be sending you soon, those you asked for in the letter from Nome. During the summer it is slow getting the work done. The men are fishing or hunting or working at something all the time.

I do not know how much coal was sent to the Mission from Seattle as to tons. There were 104 sacks and a mix-up on the boat gave me a lot of Teller Merc. Co. sacks and some from School Dist. #10. These sacks were as much as 25 lbs less in weight of those with our tags on. There were 32 sacks and that would make me short 800 lbs. I do not know that anything can be done about it for the Alaska S.S. Co takes no responsibility for delivery while the Govt. operates their boats.

When Miss Green arrived I paid for the gas to take her over to Savoonga, also I conducted Communion Services while there. I shall send the bill for the gas in this report. It was \$10.00.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

September 14, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell, St. Lawrence Id.
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

There are several matters which need correspondence with you and we want to try to cover as many of them as possible.

Your letter about the ivory came the day before we left for vacation in the middle west. I came back to the office for two days the latter part of August and found the notice for the insured package at the Post Office. As soon as the family returned at the end of August, I picked up the package and we all gathered around to examine its contents. Everyone was delighted with all the beautiful gifts which your people found so gracious to give us. Certainly it is a rare collection and we are indebted to all of you. We want to thank you for your part in it and I have written personal letters to all of the people who gave gifts as far as this could be determined from the markings on the gifts. We shall ask you to present these notes to the donors with an expression of thanks of all of the family.

Glad to know that you are making some progress with the order. I think we would also like to have a set of birds at some time in the near future if they can be secured and included with the order, if not, then we can get them later. When you send the order please let me know how to transmit the money; whether to pay it into your account, or whether we should send a check direct to you or to someone else for the articles.

We will ask the Treasury Department to include the sum of \$10. for the gas on the round trip to Savoonga with Miss Green. We shall bear the cost of that trip. You have indicated that you have been doing some travelling to the camps during the summer in other boats. Have you had to pay for this or did you thumb a ride with others who were going. We do have some allowance for missionary travel and do not want you to have to pay this from your own funds although we do not have an excessive amount for this purpose. We hope by another year that we can do something definite on a boat for you which will allow you to render this service in the summer.

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We are sorry to learn that your tools and personal things did not arrive on the North Star. We have investigated this with Mr. Howell and find that he turned them over to a regular shipping company to be included on the boat. The personnel of the shipping company changed and new help did not know anything about it. He has reported that the things are being shipped to Nome in the hope that they might get over to you by Coast Guard boat or some other way yet this Fall or early Winter.

We regret the difficulty concerning the coal. We try to purchase good coal and make full provision for our missionaries but we have a lot of headaches in actually getting the goods delivered on the ground. We shall take up this matter with the Alaska Steamship Company and see what can be done concerning a refund. If you do not have sufficient coal try to get some more from Polet in Nome. We find that Mr. Howell completely overlooked the order of two stoves and fuel for Alice Green and we have wired her to try to get fuel from Nome but, of course, she will have no provision for the stoves.

We are glad to know that you have new teachers who come to Church on Sunday. The Mennonites are good people and we trust that The Reed's will cooperate with you in the mission program.

We have still been trying to get some information about the motor. We asked for the priority form but received none. Apparently, there isn't anything we can do now for the winter but we shall follow up on the specifications which you have given us and try to do something about it before Spring. Can you get any more information about the source or provision for the longer shaft. Even if it can be secured it occurs to me that my idea of moving the motor up and down in the well might be a more practical method of handling it than having to take it out completely each time you bring the boat in.

We have followed up the order concerning the illuminated cross. The order was sent from here on March 13, 1944 to the Presbyterian Book Store in Philadelphia and they asked for shipping instruction. We sent them word to ship it to Mr. Howell in Seattle. We were under the impression that it had been shipped and you would get it on the summer boat. We have been trying to trace it but Mr. Howell knows nothing about it and the inquiry is not with the Philadelphia office. We shall follow this up as rapidly as we can. The retail cost of the cross was to be \$27.55 and the shipping cost \$2.65. Whether these same prices still hold we cannot say. Meanwhile, do not do anything about additional funds until you hear from us about it.

We are wondering if you have been able to make any progress with your people in regard to stewardship and an Every Member Canvass along with a regular contribution toward the support of the mission as well as their benevolence quota. In most of our Eskimo missions weekly offerings are rather impractical but they use the plan of the monthly offering and try to develop the teaching of the tithe among the people. We are hoping that we may go further with this. Alice Green had had some success already with her people. Our procedure would be to have the monthly offerings come to

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the office, we would take out of the offerings a reasonable benevolence quota, and use the rest of it for the support of our work. This probably is the most reasonable method of handling it. Alice has asked for duplex envelopes for a monthly instead of weekly offering.

We have made inquiry from Dr. Bunnell, President of the University of Alaska, concerning the possible purchase of a building at Kukulik. He writes that they propose to trade all remaining material on that development for an ivory display for their museum. All of their negotiations were with the Reindeer Commercial Company of Savoonga. We have written asking if they have released all claim to the building. If so, we will then negotiate with the Reindeer Commercial Company for its purchase and use in the new Church. It may be too, distinctly to our advantage, if the final decision is with the Reindeer Company because the building will be used for the benefit of the Eskimos in Savoonga. We shall follow this up as quickly as possible.

Plans had been drawn for a new Church in Savoonga. Miss Green saw them before she left the office and realizes now that some changes need to be made. If the way is open for us to build a new Church there next summer, we would send these plans to you by airmail for consultation with the people in Savoonga. This would be early enough to draw up a list of the materials needed to supplement the lumber from the old building so that proper provision can be made for the summer development. We shall want the building done right and insulated to cut down the cost of fuel in the future. We are fortunate to have you there to guide this proposal.

Your report shows that you are doing your utmost for the people of Gambell. We notice that you are making many pastoral visits and are carrying on a full program of services. We get reports from other sources that the people are responding well to your ministry. We think of you frequently and pray the Lord will bless you and will use you mightily in His cause.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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October 19, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell, St. Lawrence Island,
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

Congratulations to you and your people upon the progress which you have made on painting the Church a different color. The pictures which I have seen of it showed the box-car red and we are delighted to know that you have improved the situation. Your people are capable of doing many good things for themselves and it is my belief that they have never been given as large a privilege of doing these things as they should have been given.

What progress are you making upon the teaching of stewardship and the possibility of a monthly offering which would be forwarded to the Board partly for their benevolence quota and partly for the maintenance of their mission. It would seem to me that at the start we ought to follow this procedure although later I hope it may be possible for them to make up their own budget for current expenses and benevolences and manage their Church as a real Church. This ought to make a stronger congregation out of them if they realize that they are sharing in the support of their minister and the maintenance of their Church. We hope for progress on this soon.

Apparently the Lord's guidance was in our arrangement for you to go to Gambell because you are able to take care of the emergencies which arise such as the breakdown in your lighting plant. We and the people there are fortunate in having such a fine couple in our mission in Gambell.

We are delighted to know that you are having such cordial relationships with The Reid's who have come to take the leadership in the school. This gives us courage and confidence that there is a great spirit of harmony there and the people are working together with a new feeling.

We have had a second letter from Dr. Bunnell of the University of Alaska in which he says that the University has turned all their property at Savoonga over to the Reindeer Trading Company and have asked them to send some ivory for the museum in the University in payment for the

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equipment which is there. Upon our request for some decision about the ownership of the building which has the lumber in it, he has referred us to Albert Kulowiji the manager of the Company. Our records show that Albert is an Elder in our Church there so there should be no difficulty in getting ownership of this building and its lumber. May we ask you on your next trip to Savoonga to confer with Miss Green and the officers of the Church on this matter and then make an estimate of the other materials which will be necessary for a new Church. We shall certainly want the building to be insulated and have ventilators in it as well as other basic equipment for a good Church and apartment in connection with it. The people there know best how to build and we shall be glad to receive any suggestions. Upon the presentation of these plans and estimate of materials, we shall attempt to get an estimate of costs and ask our Board to make an appropriation which will cover the cost. It would be well for the Eskimos themselves to raise as much money as possible so that they will have a greater interest in their own sanctuary.

I have received your letter announcing the mailing of the package of ivory and will follow the instructions which you have given in the letter. We shall be looking forward to it with a great deal of anticipation. I hope you have received the letters of thanks which I wrote to those who carved the gifts which they so graciously sent to me.

We are looking forward for a final report concerning the supplies which you received during the summer. We want to take an accurate check to see that you received everything for which you have been charged. We also hope that the North Star will get over from Nome this Fall so that your tools and personal items which were not on the summer boat may reach you while the waters are still open.

Best wishes to you and your wife and all of your people in Gambell. Tell them that we are concerned about them and praying for their spiritual welfare and advancement.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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NOV 19 1945

Gambell, Alaska,
Nov. 12, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your welcome letter of Oct. 19 arrived Nov. 6th. We are always glad to hear from you.

We are in winter right today. The wind has been blowing for three days and getting colder each day. It is about 20 degrees above zero this evening and the wind is not so strong. The snow has been drifting and there are some good sized drifts in the village.

You spoke of these people not having been given as large a privilege of doing for themselves as they should have been given. I agree. That was my conviction before I had been here six months. The table has turned since that and I have piled it up on them.

We had to have more room in the church. At the officers meeting the question was tactfully put before them. After much talking that I did not understand, they asked if I wanted them to make the room larger by taking out the stair way and a little hall. I told them I did not want any thing they did not want. It was their church and would be their work if any changes were made, but if they could make it better than it is, I would be glad. Then there was a lot more talking. After some time they told me they had decided to make the change and had divided the carpenters into three groups and they would start in the morning. Each group to work one day, eight men. Each group had a foreman and in the three days they made all the changes and taking about six feet off of the Sunday School room, making the church plenty large enough for all to be seated. We bought a few nails but the work cost nothing in money.

The painting of the Mission was worked out in about the same way. I try to get them to see the need by dropping a hint now and then and when some one mentions doing the job we talk it over and I ask that one to mention it to some of the other men. Before long they are talking about among themselves and I hear it and tell them I am glad they thought of it. Before long they came and asked me to announce that they would paint the Mission and would give every one a privilege to help and that they would take up the offering the next week. The money was turned over to the Trustees. They bought the paint and called for every man that had a brush to come. So the first good day we had, the bell tolled and here they came. The first coat was put on in one day. The next week we had another good day and the second coat was put on. I did not help them a bit and they liked it that way. I built a dormer window on the east roof while they were painting.

The flooring that was sent up for the manse was not very dry by the time we got it. I stacked it in the S.S. room, each board separate from another, and when it was dry the best carpenters came in and put it down for me, and it is a good job with very poor lumber, (war left-over or refused) but we are glad to have it. I changed the chimney which stood in the center of the kitchen floor to the north side of the house and built it in the partition wall so that both stoves will lead into it from the first joint of pipe from the stove.

No stove pipe will be going through the ceiling now. I have taken the cupboards out that were fastened to the outside walls of the kitchen and have a good cupboard built in the wall between the two rooms. The shelves are 14 in. deep and 6 feet wide above the work table. The work table is 28 in. in depth and 6 feet wide. By building it all in the wall the shelves are only 10 in out and the table takes only 24 in. of floor space, and we save boarding up one side of the wall which was a convenience, for I did not have material to board it.

I could not do any thing with the toilet. The wood pipe did not come for the line to the septic tank and no soil pipe. The supply tank came but they sent a little pitcher pump instead of a force pump to fill it. The couplings for the drive pipe and the drive cap did not come so the drive well could not be put down for supply water. Now ~~now~~ that the war is over we may be able to get these things next year.

~~I shall send in an order after the first of the year.~~

We have rechecked our supplies and after getting all the strays gathered up we are not short so much. I found one case of milk at the CAA and a case of candy for Miss Green was left here. There were 5 boxes of bar candy that did not come, also the razor blades. The charge made for these was, candy \$3.75, blades \$3.00, total \$6.75. Every thing else we were charged for came through nicely.

As to stewardship, it seems they have been told that the Eskimo does not make much money like the white man and therefore they do not have to give much. We have taught the tithe, but the receiving of it has not been very fruitful. I have told the officers of the way other churches do in supporting their work, and if all the members here would tithe, we could do much more than we have done. It may be that they will see it and we can work out a system and a budget for current expenses. In September we decided to ask for full recognition as a church and pay the G.A. tax so some time in the future we might send an Elder to G.A. We are also taking care of our benevolence quota this year.

I do not know what can be done about a regular monthly offering. Many times they do not make a dollar for several months. The trapping season opens next Friday and if the price is good this year they will make some money. I have been speaking of the tithe in furs. This would really count. A few made 5 and 6 hundred dollars last year, but most of it was spent for supplies at the store before the money comes in. These men have large families, and they work hard. We are hoping some will take up tithing.

When I go to Savoonga I shall take up the matter of the building at Kukulik and the material for building a church there.

The North Star finally arrived and was here at the Island for a week trying to unload. We got our provisions from Nome and the boxes came too. They put one large box off at Savoonga, so I will have to have it come over by dog sled. Not many sleds available after trapping opens and the way is just now freezing up for crossing the streams. I couldn't get it over here before now. All of the tools are here and I can finish the inside work now very well. The boat had to put off all the coal they had for Gambell at Savoonga. Don't think they will try to bring it over by sled.

Miss Green said she was coming over for Thanksgiving. She might get to come with the mail carrier. Teams are hard to get now. We would like her to be here if she can make it over.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker -

*Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.*

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
Gambell, Alaska,
Nov. 27, 1945.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Please find enclosed a check for the sum of \$45.00
which is our Thanksgiving offering from the Gambell church.

We had a good Thanksgiving meeting. There were 171 present. We held the services at 5 P.M. and at about 7 P.M. both Eskimos and Caucasians had a real feast. The Eskimos had rein deer with all the trimmings and we had turkey with all the trimmings. The Eskimos feasted in the two school rooms, and we in the Teacher's quarters.

We have had zero and sub zero weather for some time. The last ten days have given us a good bit of sun and very little wind. It has been so quiet that the sea has frozen over before the ice came down from the north.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

Willie Deller

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

December 19, 1945

Mr. W. H. Jonas
Johnson Motors
Waukegan, Illinois

My dear Mr. Jonas:

Last summer we had some correspondence with you concerning the possibility of your firm furnishing a KSL Johnson Outboard Motor for one of our missionaries on St. Lawrence Island in Alaska. At that time you indicated that the motor could not be procured for two months and that it was under government control. Now we are wondering if it is possible to secure the motor for delivery in Seattle by early May. We want to make arrangements for this as early as possible so that we can be sure to get it on the summer boat which goes to St. Lawrence Island.

Our missionary had specified a propeller assembly which should not be less than 3 feet long from the bottom of the crank case nor more than 40 inches. At the time you wrote you indicated that it was not possible to supply this long an assembly. Does that condition still exist or can we hope to get one?

Will you also indicate the approximate or exact cost of this motor? If we are able to secure it this is to be a memorial gift and we have to be able to tell the donor the approximate cost and freight in order to get this actually in the hands of our missionary. We hope to hear from you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Gambell, Alaska.
January 8, 1946.

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Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

On the 26th of December I went to Savoonga to meet with the Elders and talk over the plans for their church building. Also about getting the Kukulik house.

The trip was not as hard on me this time as it was last March. I had better clothes to make the trip. It really takes skin clothes with plenty of fur to stand it. Two men went with me to trade dogs at Savoonga. I had one bring back our box that was put off there by the North Star. He frosted his nose badly and was late getting home. My sled man did the same but not so severe. My right cheek was frosted and peeled off but other than that I made it all right. Was upset twice and rolled off down the hill. Mrs. David Evanson, wife of the weather bureau chief, went along to visit with Mrs. Williams. We all came back Friday and Alice came with us.

We had a long session and considered the Kukulik house from every angle. I had been rather eager to get it if we could get it for a reasonable sum. They are willing that we have it, but the objections raised to using it for a church are convincing.

The building is 90 by 18 feet with a 7 foot wall. It has been standing for 9 years with no paint. The freezing has caused the building to shift on the foundation and it is badly warped. The building was put up with wire nails and they have rusted and very few could be pulled. This would mean that nearly every board would be split in taking it off. Very little of the dimension timber could be used without splicing if used in another building of a different width and height. Most of the lumber used in the little rooms would be too short to use in a building the size of the church. Then there would be the cracks and nail holes to deal with in insulating. So, by the time they put all these facts before me I was not so eager to get the building. The elders figured the expense of constant repair in the near future would not justify using the building for construction of the church.

In planning the building of the church and the cost of lightering they suggested a meeting with the men of the village. We called all the men together and asked what they wished to do about building the church, how much they could give toward the cost of materials and what wages they wanted. After a good bit of talking by nearly every one, they announced that they would like to do it this way. They would lighter all the material with no charge, and they would put up the building with no charge if the Board could furnish the material. I asked if that included the manse, and they said yes, the whole building.

I think this shows that they want a church building in a very definite way. This will mean more than if they gave money. Money doesn't mean much to them, but ^{when they} do something with their own hands means there is a real interest.

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we made a sketch of the location we thought best. Mr. Williams favors it to the one you have. Also we drew a plan of the building. It seems rather long, but they thought it would save roofing and insulating material.

While Miss Green was here we did a bit of planning for the manse and Sunday School room. I shall sketch it as we thought would be convenient and economical. This is not drawn out to scale but given for suggestions. Miss Green said you have plans there for the church.

We had Communion while I was at Savoonga and there were a number of the young folks ready to come into the church. Six infants were baptised. Miss Green will probably give you the full report.

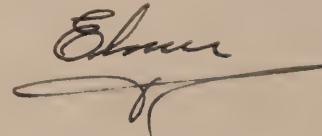
Mr. Williams informed me that the school was growing so that he would have to have more room next year. This will mean that part of the room we are using for the church will be taken to make a new school room.

May I ask about the motor for the Mission boat ? In one of your letters you suggested sending it in by Air Express from Fairbanks. We find that Air Express is very hard on our incomes here on the Island, 59 cents per pound from Fairbanks. First class mail is cheaper. If the motor can be purchased in Seattle and taken down and packed in boxes or packages of 25 pounds or near that, It could come in two packages by parcel post as soon as parcel post is resumed to Alaska next spring and it would come direct to Gambell. I can put it together with NO bother at all. I think it could come as parts just like the parts the Eskimos send out for and it would arrive in time for work in the spring. The boat is ready and I still want the long drive. I had the boat built for the motor to work outside from the stern. The well is a lot of bother and takes up a lot of room. We can put a well in if we have to but did not want it.

We have had two deaths within the last two weeks. On Dec. 30 little Ione passed on, and yesterday we learned of Ernest Buoshu who had been sent to the hospital at Bethel.

Your calendars arrived just in time for me to get them rolled and addressed for the gift exchange. They were much appreciated by the men. I am glad you were pleased with the ivory. I shall try to get a small bear for you. The men did not get much old ivory at the east end this year. The color pictures I took while at Punuk were not good. I was there right after the atomic bomb was used in Japan and we have heard that it effected films all over the world. I took two rolls and not one good slide among them. I have some beauties of the whale hunt last spring and some of the life here in the village. I still want a movie camera but do not see how I can afford it just yet. Mr. Daugherty left before I used my film, but I am still hoping there will be a way.

Most Sincerely Yours,



C O P Y (arrived office 2-4-1946)

Gambell, Alaska
January 8, 1946

Dear Mr. Jackman:

On the 26th of December, I went to Savoonga to meet with the Elders and talk over the plans for their church building. Also about getting the Kukulik house.

The trip was not as hard on me this time as it was last March. I had better clothes to make the trip. It really takes skin clothes with plenty of fur to stand it. Two men went with me to trade dogs at Savoonga. I had one bring back our box that was put off there by the North Star. He frosted his nose badly and was late getting home. My sled man did the same but not so severe. My right cheek was frosted and peeled off but other than that I made it all right. Was upset twice and rolled off down the hill. Mrs. David Evanson, wife of the weather bureau chief, went along to visit with Mrs. Williams. We all came back Friday and Alice came with us.

We had a long session and considered the Kukulik house from every angle. I had been rather eager to get it if we could get it for a reasonable sum. They are willing that we have it, but the objections raised to using it for a church are convincing.

The building is 90 by 18 feet with a 7 foot wall. It has been standing for 9 years with no paint. The freezing has caused the building to shift on the foundation and it is badly warped. The building was put up with wire nails and they have rusted and very few could be pulled. This would mean that nearly every board would be split in taking it off. Very little of the dimension timber could be used without splicing if used in another building of a different width and height. Most of the lumber used in the little rooms would be too short to use in a building the size of the church. Then there would be the cracks and nail holes to deal with in insulating. So, by the time they put all these facts before me, I was not so eager to get the building. The elders figured the expense of constant repair in the near future would not justify using the building for construction of the church.

In planning the building of the church and the cost of lightering they suggested a meeting with the men of the village. We called all the men together and asked what they wished to do about building the church, how much they could give toward the cost of materials and what wages they wanted. After a good bit of talking by nearly every one, they announced that they would like to do it this way. They would lighter all the material with no charge, and they would put up the building with no charge if the Board could furnish the material. I asked if that included the manse, and they said, yes, the whole building.

I think this shows that they want a church building in a very definite way. This will mean more than if they gave money. Money doesn't mean much to them, but when they do something with their own hands means there is a real interest.

We have made a sketch of the location we thought best. Mr. Williams favors it to the one you have. Also we drew a plan of the building. It seems rather long, but they thought it would save roofing and insulating material.

While Miss Green was here we did a bit of planning for the manse and Sunday School room. I shall sketch it as we thought would be convenient and economical. This is not drawn out to scale but given for suggestions. Miss Green said you have plans there for the church.

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Mr. Parker's letter of Jan. 8, 1946

We had Communion while I was at Savoonga and there were a number of the young folks ready to come into the church. Six infants were baptised. Miss Green will probably give you the full report.

Mr. Williams informed me that the school was growing so that he would have to have more room next year. This will mean that part of the room we are using for the church will be taken to make a new school room.

May I ask about the motor for the Mission boat? In one of your letters you suggested sending it in by Air Express from Fairbanks. We find that Air Express is very hard on our incomes here on the Island, 59 cents per pound from Fairbanks. First class mail is cheaper. If the motor can be purchased in Seattle and taken down and packed in boxes or packages of 25 pounds or near that, it could come in two packages by parcel post as soon as parcel post is resumed to Alaska next Spring and it would come direct to Gambell. I can put it together with NO bother at all. I think it could come as parts just like the parts the Eskimos send out for and it would arrive in time for work in the Spring. The boat is ready and I still want the long drive. I had the boat built for the motor to work outside from the stern. The well is a lot of bother and takes up a lot of room. We can put a well in if we have to but did not want it.

We have had two deaths within the last two weeks. On Dec. 30 little Ione passed on, and yesterday we learned of Ernest Booshu who had been sent to the hospital at Bethel.

Your calendars arrived just in time for me to get them rolled and addressed for the gift exchange. They were much appreciated by the men. I am glad you were pleased with the ivory. I shall try to get a small bear for you. The men did not get mych old ivory at the east end this year. The color pictures I took while at Punuk were not good. I was there right after the atomic bomb was used in Japan and we have heard that it affected films all over the world. I took two rolls and not one good slide among them. I have some beauties of the whale hunt last spring and some of the life here in the village. I still want a movie camera but do not see how I can afford it just yet. Mr. Daughety left before I used my film, but I am still hoping there will be a way.

Most sincerely yours,

(signed) Elmer

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Mr. Parker's letter of Jan. 8, 1946

Note: It seems that this plan has much floor room above the living quarters and Sunday School room. Miss Green did not like the idea of making living quarters above the S.S. room. 40 by 32 feel looks like a good bit of floor space to be lost.

It might be the living quarters could occupy the space marked for the S.S. and the S.S. room be above. A stairway could go up from the end of the hall leading to the church.

For the church ceiling the elders wanted the roof insulated part way up the rafters and ceiled over, making a highroom with plenty of air. I am not making any suggestions as to heating.

The building will have to be built on a set of big timbers and also raised about three feet so the building can be leveled in the spring after the frost goes out. The floor will have to be insulated and sealed with celotex or some other good material that will protect the floor. We will probably need a 10 ton hydrolic jack with which to level the building. After a few years the timbers will be settled and the ground will be solid. Then by insulating with sod the ground will not thaw out during the summer and the building will stand fairly level. Mr. Williams will help me with this as he has had experience in getting the school house leveled.

Diagram in letter
and sketch in my letter of 1/6/46

This size timber will be heavy. It is not necessary that they should be 32 feet long. Two 16 foot timbers could be used. Some of this timbering will have to be across the ends and some length wise of the building. Others through the center. The wind is strong at times in Savoonga but not so gusty as it is here. I may not be necessary to make the upright timbers as large as these are drawn. 6x10 would be large enough I'm sure and the cap timber 3x10.

(initialled) E.P.

February 19, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell
St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

I have just returned from a month on the field and am now trying to catch up with the situation on St. Lawrence Island as the first need. We have written a letter to you and Miss Green concerning all of the questions about the Church. We now need to clear a few points with you personally.

Recently I had a conference with the benevolence committee of the Linwood Blvd. Church in Kansas City, Mo. They had written you for some information but had written by regular mail so that their reply did not reach them until six months later. They know better now! This is a very conservative Church. They want to know in terms of spiritual ministry rendered and souls saved; what the product of our mission work is in any particular place. After an hour with them they agreed to underwrite your salary to the extent of at least \$500. this church year and possibly \$1000. next year. Just today I notice a report which has come in that they have forwarded \$515. of their amount for this year. This indicates that you will be their missionary and they will be your main supporting church.

While in Seattle last week I talked with Mr. Howell about the matter of getting you an outboard motor. They are just now beginning to be released and he has been able to claim one in Seattle for delivery as early as possible. We talked about breaking down the motor into separate parts to send it to you by parcel post. The Post Office Department will not accept any insurance on it and will not guarantee delivery. They say there is a great possibility of it being lost in transit before it reaches you. Even if one small part were lost then you would be without the use of the entire motor and we would have a difficult time replacing it. The recommendation of all parties concerned is that we wait until the summer boat and ship the entire motor to you intact. In view of difficult transportation this seems the part of wisdom and yet it will deny you the use of the motor until the summer boat comes. We are writing to your friend in Idaho giving her the cost of the motor and the freight so she can send us the check for the gift.

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The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

February 19, 1946

We are sorry that you do not feel able to purchase a movie camera at the present. Dr. Thorne of our Visual Aid Department tells us that they are not available yet in any reasonable quantity. It may be some time before we can get new cameras of best quality. We hope your film will hold out until you get such a camera.

You will notice in your bank deposit slips that there has been a change in your salary which became effective October 1, 1945. During January, I went before the Board and asked for some salary adjustments for our Alaska people because of the high cost of living up there. After considering the matter in detail the Board granted a small amount of extra money for this purpose. Your present salary is considered to be \$2000. with furnished manse and fuel on the field plus a ten percent high cost of living adjustment which will make the total amount you receive from us \$2200. a year cash plus the deductions which we make for you. We hope that this high cost of living adjustment will continue for an indefinite time but certainly we shall try to make it continue as long as the costs seem to be so high. We trust this will ease your situation a bit and make you more comfortable.

Mr. Howell is seeking and hopes to obtain a rebate from the shipping company for the 800 pound shortage which you had in your coal supply.

Sorry to hear that you had such rough experiences in going over to Savoonga for communion services. From my brief contact with the Arctic Coast I realize that you are living in the midst of rugged circumstances and we admire you for doing it so well. Here and there we get messages commending you highly upon the quality of your ministry and appreciating the share which Clara is having in it. May the Lord richly bless you both in all things.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK
P.S. Thanks for the checks for the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. This is an encouraging response and will open the way for larger participation from the people.

We have mailed the monthly reports and pad of carbon paper. The letter-head is a good idea and we will try to do something about it. ~~We will try to do something about it.~~ The only difficulty is shipping them to you in good condition but we will make the attempt.

We are still trying to trace the illuminated cross which was ordered and shipped from our Philadelphia office but has been lost enroute to Seattle. We hope to have something definite to report on this in the near future.

Parker, Ira Hayes
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

February 19, 1946

Mrs. Ira Hayes

Eden

Idaho

My dear Mrs. Hayes:

We have been searching for several months to find an outboard motor for Mr. Parker's boat at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island. He reports that the Eskimos have built him a skin boat and now he is ready for the outboard motor. Recently we discovered one is available in Seattle and can be shipped up early this summer. Mr. Parker had hoped that we might be able to get it to him by mail so that he could begin to use it as soon as the waters are open, but our Post Office Department will not grant any insurance and will not guarantee delivery so it seems best to wait a little later for the boat.

We find that the cost of the motor plus the freight will be about \$500. There is some indication that a change in price might come if the OPA will change the ceiling price on the motors. The quotation which we have is not guaranteed at the time of delivery in May. Mr. Parker has not reported to us any cost on the boat so we are taking it for granted that his officers have made the boat for him to be used in his work.

We shall be happy to have you send us a check covering the motor. If you care to add anything toward a possible increase in price or some gasoline for its use we would be glad to have you do it. We feel that this is a great thing which you are doing in the memory of your husband and will add much to Mr. Parker's ministry to the Eskimos.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
JEJ:FK

February 27, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker,
Gambell,
St. Lawrence Id., Alaska

Dear Elmer:

We have just received your property report on the Church and the manse. It looks now as if it would be possible for us to take care of all of this material for you at the cost which you have indicated.

We do need to have from you a specific list of materials with sizes and kinds so that we can make the purchases. It may not be possible for us to get all of this material because there is a priority on building materials again but we shall do our best to fill your order. Be as specific as possible and we shall do our best.

It is time for us to remind you that your annual order should be made out soon. It ought to be in our office by the first of April.

On the order this year, we will make no attempt to return drums. We plan to use the second-hand drums which will not be returned. We ought to remind you to that when goods arrive any shortages should be noted on the original shipping bills and returned immediately so that we can put in a claim for them.

We shall be looking forward to a full letter from you soon about the suggestions for the Savoonga Church and your own needs for the coming year.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
JEJ:FK

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Presbyterian Mission,
Gambell, Alaska,
Feb. 28, 1946.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Here we are closing the month of February. The winter months have gone very quickly but we have plenty of winter weather yet. The sun gives us a good bit more light now. We have enjoyed several days of sunshine but the little breezes outside held the temperature down to 25 and 30 below zero.

The ice opened up about 4 miles west of the shore and four boats went out today for hunting. They hook the dogs to the boats and pull them over the ice to where the open water is. The dogs seem to like the trip on the ice, they get a little meat if a seal or walrus is killed. Three or four dogs can pull a boat as fast as the men can go along side to hold it up on the keel. Many of the keels are made of ivory. One boat has over two hundred dollars worth of ivory on its keel. Ivory keels slide over the ice very easily. They got the first walrus today and several seals. They are getting short of meat. Hunting will open up now, we hope, and they will soon be getting plenty of food.

The fur buyer was in during the last of January and first of February. He gave the Eskimos a good price for the fox fur. The market is not very good but he paid \$30.00 for some of the best furs.

We waited until the furs were sold before taking up our gifts and tithes. We are sending the money to the Central Distributing Agency. Some of our tithers have been sending their tithe to the Board and it has been received as a gift and not credited to the church. That is one reason it looks as though these people give very little. The World Day of Prayer was used for raising some money and the entire offering was sent to that office. Last year I suggested sending only part of the Campbell offering, so \$25.00 was sent. But the S. Voong folks sent \$4.00. I have tried to explain to the elders and hope they understand. There are some furs going to the Board as tithes this year. They may not arrive in time to be counted in this year's benevolence. I notice those sent last year were not credited to the Campbell church, so they must have arrived too late. I am wondering if I should discourage this practice, and have them sell the furs here and send the money. We are sending \$25.00 in this check.

I am submitting for your consideration the requisition for the Mission supplies as I see the need. If I can have the materials for these repairs the Mission will be put in fair condition. I am asking for 5 more drums of stove oil than last year. The week-day activities require the use of one or both rooms 4 days each week during the winter.

I am not so anxious to have a new church building here. It could be very nice, I know. But if we could put in a small cement basement for a heating unit and use the floor space now used for the stove we would have room enough for seating. This might be considered next yr.

Last summer you sent word from Dr. Cambell to us, and also there was mention of the store he established. Well, I did not know much about it but Clara and I both had misgivings. When the freighter arrived the natives found that the supplies they had ordered had been cut to one half the order. Mr. Daugherty had informed all of Alaska that the Gambell Eskimos were the richest Eskimos in the world. Many believed him. In 1940 the Native Store had a good stock of goods here and a buying power of 42 thousand dollars in Juneau to draw on for all their orders.

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MAR 14 1946

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Presbyterian Mission,
Gambell, Alaska,
March 9, 1946.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

The CAA plane is in and will leave tomorrow. I have a letter from you of Feb. 19 and one of Feb. 27. A good bit of the information asked for has been forwarded.

I was glad to get the news of the action of the Kansas City Church. Mr. Marshall wrote me asking for a story and at that time I did not know enough about these people to write anything very interesting. I have written him another letter giving a brief account of the work we are doing. I shall write again in the spring of some of the native activities.

Under the present conditions I believe your plan about the motor is the best. The boat will have a sail and it may be that I can arrange with some one who would like to use their motor for a trip now and then.

A few days ago the weather chief was ordered to report for arm duty. I was surprised when he left his movie outfit with me asking only that I share with him duplicates of my best pictures. He will also furnish his share of the film for some special pictures he was not able to get. I do praise the Lord for this arrangement. It will help for the present but he will want his outfit probably some time next summer. I am planning to get a camera by fall or next spring. For some reason I thought Dr. Thorne could supply a field man with such an outfit ~~far~~ at wholesale price but evidently it was a dream or I was misinformed. I have kept the film in a cold place and think it will be all right.

We appreciate the high cost of living adjustment. One question arises, will that be reckoned as a salary of \$2200 and will that appear as an increase to be declared as income. If so will it not put us in the group where our taxes will be more than the increase ?? It seems there should be some adjustment on the part of the Government. We are allowed only the same deduction here as the cost would be in the states.

I am wondering if I should have sent the check for the offerings to you instead of to the Central Distributing Agency. I remembered after that you had made that suggestion last year. If you want the checks to go through your office I shall send them that way hereafter. We sent our G.A. tax to Mr. Armstrong.

Thanks for the monthly reports and the carbon paper. I informed the elders that you were still chasing the illuminated cross across the country. They asked about it in one of the meetings not long ago. I was glad for this word.

We will do our best to check the goods as they arrive, and I hope the shipping bills are mailed in time to get them before the boat comes in.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

March 28, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell
St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

Our records show that we never did notify you concerning the amount of your deductions each month for the food and personal items which you ordered last summer. Our Treasury Department has indicated that they have deducted from your salary check \$44.26 a month from October through March, and \$47.- a month in April, May, and June, with \$46.99 a month in July, August, and September 1946. We hope that you have been able to get some of this material and figure the whole thing out from your duplicate deposit slips from the bank.

We have not heard from your friend in Idaho who wished to provide the money for the motor. We have written her some little time ago and feel we had better write her again to be sure that everything will come through alright in time for the shipment of the motor.

We are sorry to learn about the manipulations of the Mr. Dougherty in regard to the finances of the people to the Native Store. This must be a terrific blow to them now. When they get through understanding it they will realize it is not Mr. Reed but Mr. Dougherty who has been responsible for it. I am just wondering between the lines if his generosity to them was not part of an effort to wean them away from the Presbyterian Church and make them more sympathetic with the Seventh Day Adventist belief. Perhaps the whole truth will come to light now.

Paul Silook has written to us asking us to get him a family Bible. He has not indicated whether this is a request for a gift or whether he expects to pay for it and how expensive a Bible we ought to get for him. A word from you on this would be helpful before time to ship it up on the summer boat.

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The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

March 28, 1946

Your check to the Central Receiving Agency has complicated the situation here somewhat but we are making an effort to work it out between offices. According to our record from the United Promotion Chairman in Yukon Presbytery, the people of Gambell had accepted a benevolence quota of \$136. We had already sent to the CRA \$80.- towards the quota so that the check of \$225. very greatly oversubscribes the benevolence quota which was accepted by the Church. We are trying to straighten it out upon the basis of \$225. being the quota paid for the year. The rest of it we are asking them to return to us as Field Receipts which will cut down our net cost of the support of the mission station and the missionary.

We have been trying to work out the financial affairs of the Arctic Coast missions on the basis of having the Church accept a reasonable benevolence quota. Monthly offerings would be sent to us. We would turn over to the Central Receiving Agency the amount of the accepted quota and we would use the balance to help pay for the cost of our missionary service to the particular Church. As time goes on, I think it would be fine for your local organization to take the responsibility of sending their accepted benevolence quota direct to the Central Receiving Agency and sending us the other offerings as part payment for the maintenance of the mission.

We have received another white fox fur from Charles Slwocks. It is always a great event when the fur comes in. Occasionally we hear from one of your members sending a tithe. I think it might be well to encourage the people to make these gifts to their Church because it will give them a greater sense of responsibility for the ministry which they receive. Or else, if they continue to send the furs here they should ask that the amount received for them be credited to the Church as a Field Receipt.

We are still trying to work out plans for the Church at Savoonga. We have not yet been able to find an architect to help us work over the plans and the housing shortage makes it very doubtful if we can get the materials. We know how much it means to Savoonga and we are doing our best.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK
Dictated by Dr. Jackman
on March 19th but transcribed
on March 28th in his absence

Wed. Morning, 8.30 AM

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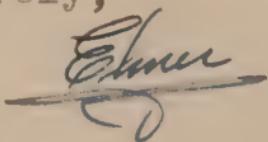
Dear R. Jackman:

Mr. Reed just came over to tell the shocking news that the Sevoonga school house burned last night. Mr. Williams lost nearly every thing they had, food, clothing and personal belongings. Mr. Williams received some burns but is reported as being all right. Mrs. Williams is badly shocked. They saved the radio broadcasting equipment and Tim set it up and sent the word over to us this morning.

This may make some changes in the program for next summer, but I think we can go ahead with the cement work. I can do that with some of the boys. I suppose all of the carpenters will be used in putting up a new building.

Mrs. Williams was planning to fly out the first of April, I would not be surprised if she will go out on the plane this week if she can get over here in time. She is going home to Indiana.

Sincerely,



MAR 28 1946

Presbyterian Mission,
Gambell, Alaska,
March 18, 1946.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

Since writing you about the Savoonga church building I have had a bit of information about cement foundations here in the north from the Construction Engineer of the CAA. Here is what he suggests, - Build pillars with a wide footing and tapered toward the top to fit the timber to be used for plate. The soil should be taken out to the frost a few weeks before setting the form, then at time of pouring the cement, take out the soil to the frozen ground, pour the cement, cover with some soil until pillar is set. Remove the form and fill in with soil and let it sit until the next year before building the church. We would have to dig between three and four feet to do this but we would not have to set the building up high for the purpose of getting under to level after freezing and thawing. After ~~is~~ freezing during the winter the pillars would not thaw out again.

~~Sketch~~ Now if you could get sheeting lumber and 2x4s to make the forms, we could get the foundation made this year and build next. I do not know how much cement we would need but the Architect can figure that. We have good sand and gravel there at Savoonga. we will need a sand screen and we can make the frame here. We have shovels enough.

If it isn't asking too much may I have a sketch of the plan you have there in the office. I do not need a blueprint of the building until we begin to do the work. I'm very sorry I sent in that sketch. I am afraid it will not be anything like you have and I did not mean to be thrusting my ideas upon you.

~~Sketch~~ I shall draw a sketch of the pillar. I do not know how many it will take but I believe the Architect can figure it out for the weight and stress of the wind. I believe we should put bolts in the top of the pillars.

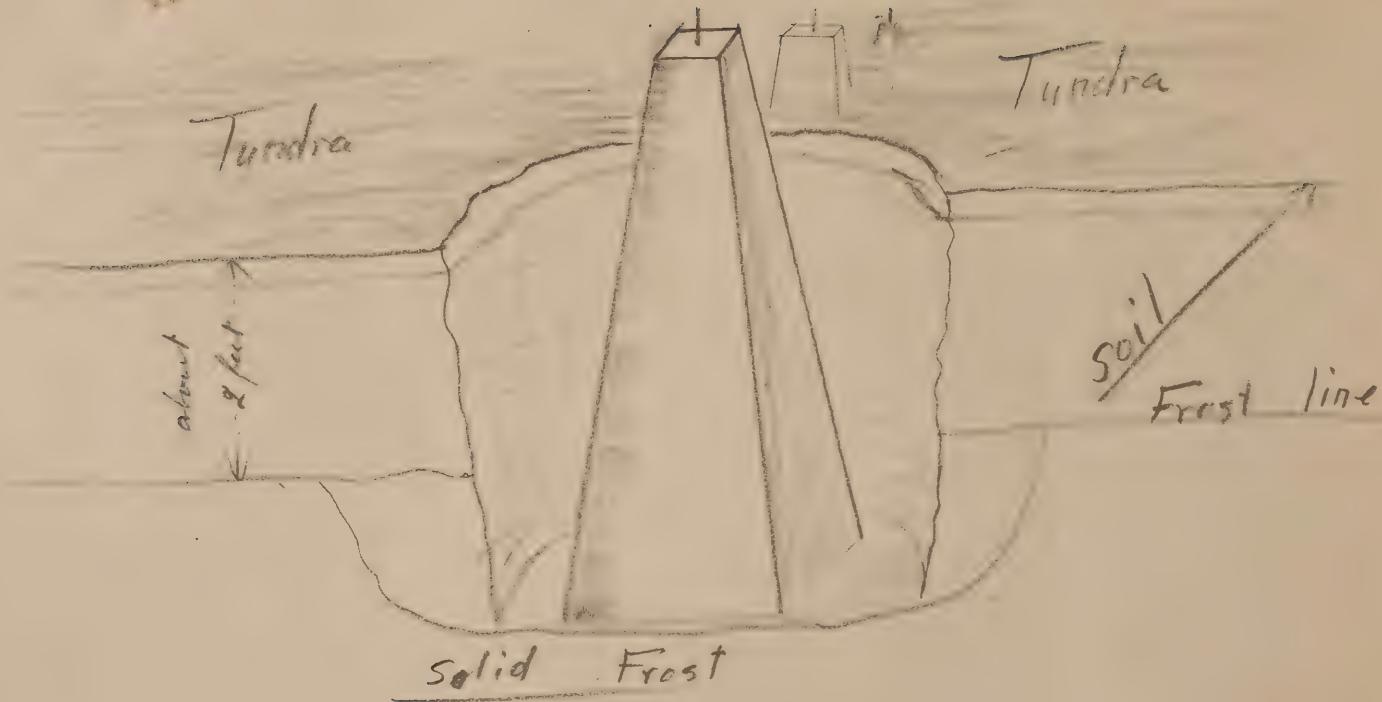
We are expecting a plane this week. We are having fine weather now. It has been around 10 below but the sun shines bright during the day. The men are cutting roads through the shore ice for the whale boats. The shore ice is much more rough than last year. They are expecting early hunting this year. They have seen a few whale far out.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Edmund

P.S. Do you wish me to send drums to Seattle this summer?

MAR 28 1946



These pillars may be set 10 feet apart but it
may be best to set them 6 or 8 feet apart.
Depends upon weight of the building



MAY 20 1946

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
GAMBELL, ALASKA,
ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND,
May 14, 1946.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:

At the meeting of the officers last week there was a discussion about the congregational singing. There were many people sitting in the church and were not taking part in singing. An investigation revealed a shortage of song books.

During the Sunday School hour last Sunday there was a vote taken to decide what song book they wanted. The vote was unanimous for the Tabernacle Hymnal Lumber Four.

The elders have instructed me to order the books through your office. They want 100 books.

Will you please order the books and send them to the Presbyterian Mission at Gambell and deduct price including postage from my salary. Please send the bill to me and I shall collect here.

We are hoping a plane will come this week and bring mail and take mail out. We have not had mail for some time and if the plane should not come this week we may not get mail until the boat comes over from Nome. The North Star is to be in some time the last of June or first part of July. The winds are cold this week but the next time it warms up the frost may go quickly, then there will be no ice to land on and the field will be too soft.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

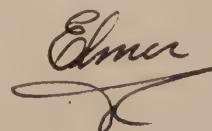
This had been slowly built up through the office at Juneau and the teachers as they worked with the Eskimos. One day a telegram came stating that the Native Store was 17 thousand in the red and would Mr. Daugherty guarantee it. I insisted that he go to Juneau to find the trouble. No, No! he would not do that. It was up to Juneau to find their mistake and let him know. It wasn't long until the Daughertys were on their way out to the main land. Mr. Reed was sent in with instructions to find the trouble. He has been working all winter on the books that have been a jumble from start to finish, all of which closed with a profit of five to ten thousand dollars each year. One day after he told the manager they would have to sell for cash and pay no more dividends, one native told Mr. Reed he was a hard fellow and they did not like his ways. He said, "Mr. D. made us happy by raising our stock to four times and here you stop every thing." Well, that opened up the whole thing. He found the share records and sure enough, Mr. D. had watered the stock and paid 8% dividends. He paid them 32% on the original stock. Besides this he ordered great quantities of sugar, flour, white men's clothing, soap of all kinds, Baking Powder by the ton, lead shot 1½ ton, gun powder 800 lbs. and countless other things to waste their money, also a broadcasting station, (worthless thing) Mr. Reed told me this week that they had lost the 42 thousand dollars and the office of Indian Affairs informed them they were now 26 thousand dollars in the red. They do not have enough stock left to pay up, for the baking powder will have to be dumped in the sea. It is so old it won't raise a dust. Tons of vegetable fats have spoiled in the storage. Mr. Reed said it was the most vicious scheming used to break them. The sugar has become damp and hardened, the flour is beginning to taste moldy and many other losses are before them.

The Eskimos have been very cool toward Mr. Reed for they still seemed to have some faith in Daugherty, but when the office at Juneau sent the Store the notice of the debt they are beginning to see what he was trying to tell them.

It has been hard on the natives too. They have been out of coal for almost a month now. They have no money with which to buy for another year. During the last four years the loss was about ten thousand dollars each year. We do not know what the outcome will be.

I am sorry for these people here in Gambell. Savoonga is all right. I do not like to repeat all this, but I thought you should know something of the financial condition here in Gambell.

Most Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Elmer J. Farnsworth".

May 27, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell
St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

We were greatly shocked to learn of the loss of the school building in Savoonga. Since that news has come, we have redoubled our efforts in getting the plans through. We had another architect draw new plans. We are sending you a copy of them so you may study them for future use. We have had the concrete footings drawn according to your suggestion.

4/4/46
1 set Savoonga
blueprints
sent via airmail

We have tried at Seattle for the materials but they tell us we need a priority. We have been to the Chicago Office of Indian Affairs asking their help on condition of their use of the building temporarily. I visited Washington, D.C. but they gave no encouragement. We are filing an application for a priority but the outlook is very doubtful. We have not yet given up hope, and Delegate Bartlett has indicated his willingness to go personally to the Civilian Production authority and ask for it.

You need not try to return the drums because we are using second grade material which costs us less and is not returnable.

We shall try to order 100 Tabernacle Hymnal #4 and will deduct it from your salary when we receive the bill. We shall give you a report on the amount deducted.

Mr. Howell reports that the cross was found in Nome and has been returned to Seattle. It is a little damaged but is being forwarded this summer. You will need to open it and give us a report on its condition.

We are grateful for any news of happenings at Gambell. We rejoice in the reception of the eighteen Young People on confession of faith. Certainly you are getting results for your fine consecrated ministry.

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The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

May 27, 1946

If we cannot get materials for the new Church building, we will try to get cement and a sand screen so that you can put the footings in this summer ready for the building next summer. One practical difficulty about this lies in the impossibility of getting sheathing. That seems to be the scarcest article in lumber. Again, we shall do what we can.

Kindest personal regards to both of you and your people.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Dictated by Dr. Jackman
but signed in his absence

JUL 24 1946

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
GAMBELL, ALASKA,
ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND,
June 14, 1946.

John G.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letter of March 28th came to hand May 20. We are hoping there will be a plane soon. The snow is well melted in the village and the landing field has been clear for some time, but I do not know how settled it is. The frost goes out in spots and that leaves a soft place if the rest is still frozen. Planes cannot land until all the frost is out and the ground gets settled solid.

Today is a fine day, one of few we have had this year. It is very cold yet and a lot of frost was on the houses. There is no wind this morning. We have nothing growing yet but a few days like this and the flowers will soon be blooming. Many birds have arrived. The Eskimos have brought in some geese. The lake is still frozen over and so are the lagoons. As soon as the ice is off the lagoons they will be fishing. Last winter the tomcod did not come in so they had no fish all winter.

I asked Paul about writing you for a family Bible. He said he would write again and give you a description and the price he wished to pay. Paul is very faithful in his work of interpreting. He studies a good bit and reads good books.

Wallace received word from the CRA of getting the quota settled and sending the money back to your office. I am sorry I did not know about the quota the Presbytery gave us. I have never received any notice of the \$136.00 benevolence quota. Is this on a regular standing quota? We shall be glad to take care of it and send any other moneys direct to your office.

We are having our Children's day program this next Sunday. After that we hope to get over to Savoonga the first good sailing week end for Communion Service. The C.G.Cutter is reported to arrive here the 20th. Clara has been having some trouble. She runs a light fever often and tires so easily. We hope the Doctor on the Cutter can give her a check up.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

JUL 2 1946

Elmer

Presbyterian Mission,
Gambell, Alaska,
St. Lawrence Island,
July 4, 1946.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I am celebrating by writing you a letter on the Fourth. We had thought the Cutter would be in and the Eskimos would put on a show today but most of them are still sleeping and we have no word as to when the Cutter will arrive. It is on its way from the report, also a little boat is now at Savoonga with freight from Nome. We hope it brought the mail and will come on over here today or tomorrow.

We are having some warm weather now. It has been between 40 and 50 for about five days. The Eskimos are about to melt. There isn't much green yet. By this time last year we had flowers in bloom.

Two or three boats left yesterday for the cliffs. They expect to bring back eggs. I went last week but we were too early. They should find plenty this week. I wish you could see those birds. Thousands and thousands of them. One can but wonder where and how do they all find food, but they do and brood their young besides.

Now about the box of articles the Eskimos are sending to your office to be sold and the proceeds to go to the Children's Day offering. There is a little bag that you may not want to put up. It isn't very well made and is not marked with a price. The girl who made it isn't very bright but I couldn't hurt her by refusing to put it in. Then there is a pair of komughuks made by Apata's wife. She is a Siberian and she put Siberian art in the work. She does not tan well and the leather has a peculiar odor and it will have to be processed some way before setting up for sale. Many here wear that type of boot. I had one of the elders, one trustee and the manager of the store to put the prices on that they would sell out for here. The book ends are very fine and were made by Clarence Irrogo. Many of the moccasins are very good. The ball is the kind the children use and it is quite a trick to keep it going between foot and hand. The large ball sells for 4 to 5 dollars. I have two paintings that I am not sending just now, but they will follow with a frame made of some wood from the Mission for each. We had a real nice time with the children and we enjoyed training them for the program.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

We were glad to get the news of the cross. We shall be looking for it with the freight.

It seems there is something out of line all around. If you send cement and we have no lumber to make the forms, the cement will be of no use. We have no place to store it either. So here is hoping you do not send it this year. However, we will do our best. The boat service will not last long between here and Savoonga now. I wouldn't want to take chances of being held over there until November before getting back here.

We have been having a bit of nice weather this last week. There is still plenty of snow on the mountain about half a mile from the mission. There are a few flowers in bloom now and the grass is pretty and green. After being here on the Island two winters, I think the most beautiful color of all the colors is GREEN. There is where Miss Alice has the best of us.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer
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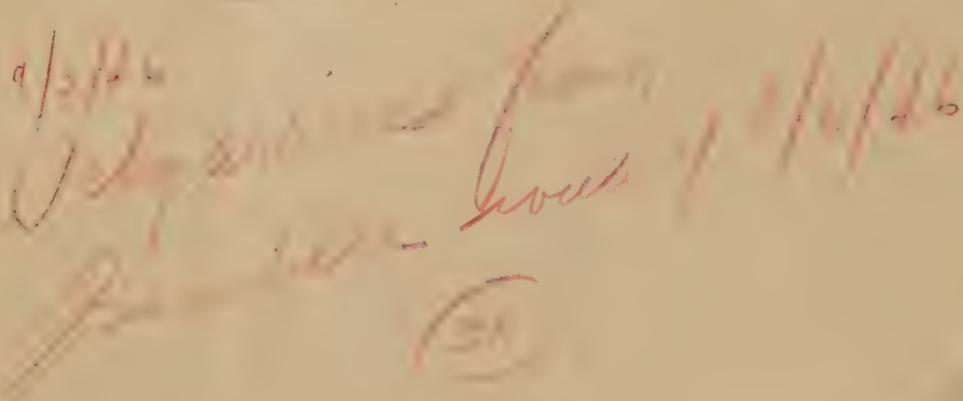
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- Ivory Carvings

2 - Painting to follow



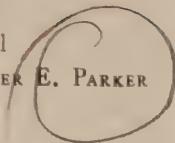
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REV. AND MRS. ELMER E. PARKER



Savoonga
MISS ALICE GREEN

July 25, 1946.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman: Please notice our new letter head !!

Thanks so much for this fine stationery. We were so pleased to get it on the last mail. We received 54 parcels in the one mail. It looks like a well supplied Christmas this year. We did not get very much first class mail. I was glad to get your letter. The plans for the church came also. There was 4300 pounds of mail and one of the little boats in Nome got the contract to bring it over. We do not know when the next mail will come in.

We have been informed that there will not be a boat this year. Our supplies are to be unloaded at Nome and sent over on barges. We expect the first barge some time the first part of Aug. There have been no invoices or notices of any shipments to us as yet.

You have certainly turned every stone to get something for Savoonga. We have no assurance of anything from the Office of Indian Affairs that there will even be a school held at Savoonga this year. Mr. Williams is here now and is as much in the dark as we are as to what he will do. He came to Savoonga on the North Star to put away the supplies for the school but there were no supplies, so he came over here and we needed him on the Island badly, so he remained. The Reeds were leaving on the North Star and that would leave the Island without a Government official. The N.S. went out on the 7th of July and the little boat came in with the mail on the 10th and with it two Adventists. They had no permit to land, but they landed. The council and elders met them and told them they were not wanted here. They said we are going to work only with their own flock, but they have been making the rounds. Mr. Williams wired the Office, and they have asked for identification but we have had nothing further.

I asked the man to come to the house as I wanted to talk with him. Told him to bring his wife along. Well they came with a bag of books and ready to convert us. I told him to leave his books in the bag and answer from the Bible. He was so mixed up and there were so many scriptures he could not answer as being comparable with their doctrine that Clara and I both laughed at him. Wasn't that awful. He had no idea I knew so much Adventism. As they left he informed us we were lost unless we accepted the light, now that we know about it.

Anyway, -- PRAY for us and the Eskimos that we will all be faithful to our Precious Saviour. This may be a serious battle if the natives become involved. We are praying that the Lord will remove them without their having had the least success.

The Hymn books have arrived and what singing we have now. We distributed the books Friday after noon and at 8 o'clock every one came to the church to try out the new books. What a song service!

AUG 1 1946

Mr. Jackman this is a note of some conditions I think you should know about. I am writing it separately as it need not be filed.

I mentioned the Reeds going out. They are not the people we had hoped them to be. They do not trust the natives. They accuse them of stealing and immorality. A few weeks ago Carl's baby died during the night and they accused him of destroying the child and wired in to Nome for an investigation. After they were on the boat he wired the office to close the radio station here at Gambell. Before going aboard he went to the store and said he wanted some money. The manager turned it over to him to count out what he wanted and he took the whole amount of cash the sum of 1066 dollars, leaving the store with no money with which to do business. The CMA and all of us use the store as our bank and he left us with nothing. He gave a check and told the store manager to hold it till he comes back. He accused the store of stealing 85 drums of fuel oil. We do not know what is the matter that white people have to be such a burden to these natives. The Reeds have not been friendly with the mission for some time. XXXXX, So far as we are concerned they seem to be friendly, but they are always digging the native christians. I do not like that and told them we trust the natives and never lock anything. We hope things will be better between them and the natives if they come back. Mr. Williams is so different XXXXX and is helpful and the natives like him.

I apologize for this distressful note. Clara and I are happy in him. Miss Green made a flying trip over here, stayed three hours and returned the same day. Really got home the next morning at 6 o'clock.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer
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August 5, 1946

Via Air Mail

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Cambell, St. Lawrence Island,
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

We were glad to get your letter on your new stationery. It does look well. You must have had a great day when so many hundred pounds of mail came on the boats to the island.

We have just had word from Mr. Howell that the North Star would go back again to St. Lawrence Island early in August so that all of your provisions would come direct so far as we can tell. They will be a little later than usual, but we hope they will arrive safely.

Sorry to hear that the Adventists have arrived. I have written to Mr. Foster making a protest about this. You certainly know how to treat them when they come.

We have no report yet from Mr. Howell about the cement. He has been having so much difficulty getting arrangements made for any kind of transportation that he has not had time to report to us what he has been doing. We will probably be in the dark until in September.

Sorry there has come a change over the Reeds. We hope that will all be straightened out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

We are sorry also to hear of the ill health of your wife. We hear rumors from other sources that she is not well, and that you may have to come out. We have learned thus far not to pay too much attention to rumors, but to depend upon our own workers for a frank statement of local conditions and what they have in mind for their plans. We hope that the doctor's report will indicate that she will soon be better.

Mr. Gust Brusulus was in the office and brought a very fine report about your work.

Last year we had word from Victor Alisen in Palmer that the benevolence quota had been sent to you and approved by you; on a basis of that report we sent a certain amount of money from your offerings to the Central Receiving Agency. This year we received a report that your quota is \$129.83. This is a little smaller than the one last year. We feel you and your session ought to decide what your benevolence quota would be. We shall abide by that decision here in the office. Last year we followed the policy forwarding the total amount of your offerings to the Central Receiving Agency until the quota was filled, then kept the rest of the offerings for the year as part of the expense for the mission. We think this is a simple policy

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

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August 5, 1946

to follow once we have the amount of the benevolence quota established. However, if you would like to send it direct to the C.R.A., feel free to do so, then send us the rest of the offerings toward the expense of the mission.

On the bill for the lighterage and freight on the North Star, we find that Mr. Howell paid a bill to the Lloyd Transfer Company for drayage from the Pacific Coast Railroad to Nome, \$37.88. Later he paid a bill to the Pacific Coast Railroad for freight of \$2.63. Your report on your bill to the Lomen Company would indicate the double lighterage at Nome. This bill from the native store would indicate the freight from Nome to Gambell. We shall pay this bill to the native store. If you feel we ought to refund the amount you paid to the Lomen Brothers, send us a bill and we will take care of it.

Thank you for the box of articles which the Eskimos have sent to be sold for the Children's Day Offering. We shall put them in the Gift Shop at Christmastime and hope to get a good price as you have indicated on them which shall be credited to the Gambell Church for Children's Day. Every year we have the Gift Shop, and we are glad to receive articles typical of the different parts of our mission field. If you have any small articles of ivory which you could get to us by November, we would be glad to have you put a price on them, would sell them here in the Gift Shop and return to the maker the price which is on them. Our Gift Shop usually takes the things from the field which are marked with the prices at a percentage to them for handling and sell them to our interested people as Christmas gifts. We would not want any articles which would be high in price, like a pair of the bear book ends. The articles which would be less than \$5 probably would go well.

Speaking of the ivory carvings from Gambell, I could use three sets of birds. As I remember it, there are some twenty birds in a set and the price used to be \$25. This may have gone up recently, but if it hadn't gone up too much, I would like to have three sets. We want one for our home. Our administrative secretary, Dr. Morse, wants one, and I am sure I can find a place to put the third one. There is no hurry for these, but we would like to have them when convenient. Again I would like to say we would like to have the names of the carvers with them, because this helps to complete the picture.

In the next letter, I was to ask if you have a picture of you and Clara. Some of Dick Ferrell's groups up in Idaho are very much interested in your work, and would like to have a picture of you. If you have the negative, send it to us, and we can have several printed. I am sure your supporters in Kansas City also would like to know something about you.

I have just returned from the Montosa Cowboy Camp Meeting at Magdalena, New Mexico. Many of your friends like Ralph Hall and Roger Sherman were asking about you. We had a junior high conference at Apache Creek.

Rich blessings upon you in your fine ministry and sincere regards to your wife and your people.

Cordially yours,

Mildred Kidd
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ/bz

7-25-1946

When writing Mr. Parker mention
that Mr. Gust Brusulus called
at the office and reported of
the good work done by the Parkers.
He asked specifically that we
tell Mrs. Parker he is bringing
lemons back with him so she can
make another delicious lemon pie.

FK

7-22-1946

Mr. Howell reported re: St. Lawrence
Id. 1946 shipment of supplies:

"marine strike completely tied
us up....."

Then the Dept. of the Interior was
to have taken the St. Lawrence shi-
ments and a week after the North S.
Star had sailed we found our goods
left behind.

After a week of meetings every day
they agreed to accept the freight if
the Alaska S.S.Co. would deliver it
to Dutch Harbor. We fought this ar-
rangement and now the North Star is
to make a second trip early in Aug.
to St. Lawrence direct."

WITHHOLDING TAX

(Known also as "Pay-As-You-Go Tax")

NEW CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FROM ALL EMPLOYEES BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1944

The Individual Income Tax Act of 1944 revises the withholding exemption effective January 1, 1945, and requires the filing of NEW certificates. New withholding tables have been constructed by the Government in connection with this change in the law, which we will use in our Payment Department -- this will explain any change in your checks for services from January 1, 1945 on.

As required by the Government, will you therefore please fill out the enclosed Form W-4 (Revised 1944) - after you have read it carefully - and return IMMEDIATELY to:

Treasurer
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue - Room 817
New York 10, New York

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Sept. 17, 1946.

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REV. AND MRS. ELMER E. PARKER

Savoonga
MISS ALICE GREEN

Dear Mr. Jackman -

You will be surprised to have a letter from me. Elmer is busy checking our consignment of goods now being lightered from the Square Knot, and will write you soon. We have had three boats in the past nine days, and the Meteor with two barges is expected sometime today.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for the new furniture which just arrived. We have been using folding chairs borrowed from the store for our kitchen. Now we can return them since we have the four lovely new ones. They fit nicely around the folding table which we use for a dining table. And the furniture for the living room leaves nothing to be desired in the way of comfort and a homely atmosphere. We realize the great trouble and expense to which you are put to send these supplies all the way from Seattle to Gambell, and we appreciate them.

accordingly.

Elmer made a file cabinet from odd pieces of lumber, but it is overflowing already, and he now talks of making a second one.

In your last letter you mentioned hearing rumors that we may have to go out on account of my health. We really are hoping to be able to remain here for at least three more years. Concerning my health, I am feeling well at present, and have had very little fever in the past six weeks. During the spring and early summer I was not so well, frequently had a low fever in the evening and at times was incapacitated for work for a day or two. We had hoped that I might have a physical checkup when the Doctor would arrive, but the C. G. Cutter came and went, and no doctor nor dentist. In the meantime I believe I have sufficiently recovered so that I am in no immediate need of medical aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and the Reeds have returned to the Island. They arrived on the Nau-nuk, and the Wagners (7th Day Adventists) went out on the same boat. The Lord has answered your prayers and ours in keeping our group faithful. Elmer will write you more of the details. Sincerely yours in His service,

Clara Parker.

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Alaska Missions on St. Lawrence Island
September 20, 1946.

Savoonga
MISS ALICE GREEN

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letter of August 5 came on the Freighter and was delivered Friday the 13th. The North Star arrived and took the Reeds out for their vacation to the States, but had no provisions for us. The C.A.A. had a large order for oil and it was necessary to bring it by a freighter. The ship brought the orders for the Native Store and most of our provisions also. A few things were missing. I am sending you the cargo receipt.

The Freighter discharged 240 ton of coal at Savoonga for the mission. It had none for us here. We figured there was a mistake in billing so much to Savoonga. Miss Green said she wanted only 100 sacks and as the Meteor was soon coming over here with the barge, I had them put the 140 sacks on and bring them over. I shall pay the bill and send you the statement and I think it should be taken up with the shippers for the mistake seems to be with them. There was 128 sacks on the manifest for here, but they came to Savoonga first and unloaded the 240 sacks and then there was nothing for Gambell.

We hope the Meteor has some mail for us. We received the statement of the groceries shipped to us but nothing else. There are many articles missing from the order and I will have to wait until I find out what was shipped before I can check. I wish we could get these statements before the boats arrive.

I have heard nothing about the outboard motor. Have been wondering what is wrong. Still hoping for it on the barge or the North Star when it makes its next visit here.

The Eskimos asked Mr. Foster to remove the Reeds. They will be going out on the next trip the N.S. makes. This leaves them without a teacher or nurse but they are all satisfied. Will tell you more later. I do not know too much about all of it yet.

At the next meeting of the officers, I shall take up the question of the quota.

I think I can get a box of ivory for you from the store to have for your gift shop. Also I shall put in the order for the bird sets.

We have tried for a picture several times but with what the photographer has to work on it seems difficult to accomplish. We shall keep trying. Dear Old Dick. ... writes now and then and keeps us encouraged. I was glad you had the trip to N. Mexico. I have always liked that country, people and all.

The Meteor is nearing now so will get this ready for the P.O.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

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Savoonga

MISS ALICE GREEN

October 7, 1946.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We are expecting the North Star within the next week or ten days. The checking of the goods and the storing is done. It is now time to report as far as we can. We received the list of groceries sent from Schwabacher Bros. Co. Seattle, Wash. I sent you the Cargo Receipt with the shortages marked. However, two cartons have been found in the CAA supplies. 1 cs apple juice, 1 cs Campbell's soups. These have been delivered to us.

There were 25 drums of Shell Stove oil, 3 drums of Shell gasoline. No invoice of this. One Daveno, one rocker, one Overstuff chair. This from Sears Roebuck. No invoice. 4 Canning chairs, - Sears Roebuck. No invoice. A portion of the materials for wiring the church and manse came, but there is not enough to go ahead with wiring even the manse. There is only 50 ft of wire. The utility and junction boxes came but no connectors. Straights, switches and outlets came, also a nice lamp fixture.

We can make out with the lumber for seats and other repairs, but we did need the roofing and putty badly. I have patched up the roof in a fashion, it's a sorry looking job and I hope it will hold for the winter. The store is letting me have a little putty to repair the worst of the windows. They do not have much.

I mentioned the coal in the last letter to you. The Meteor brought it over and I paid the bill. I shall enclose the bill with this letter. This mistake should be looked into from Seattle for the 240 sacks was billed to Savoonga, while on board ship there was a manifest of 148 sacks of coal for Gambell. This coal was missing. It just as well be left in Seattle as to leave it at Savoonga so far as our ability is concerned to get it over here. Only the good fortune of the square knot being delayed here prevented the Meteor coming here first. While the Meteor unloaded at Savoonga the mistake was discovered and we were able to get the coal brought over as it came here last. We do praise the Lord that we received the coal, but we are sorry for the added expense. We do not understand why this should have been.

Now about the quota. I do not know how Percy figured but the 1944 G.A. minutes show \$51.00 to the ... in column 12. I asked the session about it when I first came. They told me it included the personal belongings of Mrs. Cannon, piano, dishes and furniture. Victor Alsen wrote me about it and I explained it to him. I do not recall that any change was made. As for 1946-47 quota of \$129.83, this was recommended at the meeting of Presbytery and we accepted it. The tithes and furs that were sent to the Board were not credited to the Gambell church. I wrote Rev. E. Graham Wilson about it and he said they had not been doing that but he would comply with my request. I think he forgot about it. I did not discourage the Eskimos in this for they like to get letters from the heads of the boards. Mr. Wilson has always written them personal letters and they like to show them to me. Only then do I know about the Tithe or the fur that has been sent. It is all right with me but our work does not get credit for the amount sent in. I shall bear in mind to send all the money to your office. I am sorry I have caused such a mix-up.

Most sincerely yours,

Elmer

November 21, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Gambell
St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

It has been so long since I have written to you that I must not delay any more. We have not yet received all of the bills from Mr. Howell and we do not know what he has shipped to you. We thought this had all been settled and he would forward to you a complete list of everything which had been shipped so you would have it ahead of the arrival of the boat. We shall make an effort again to arrange this for next year.

Sorry that you had the difficulty about the coal. I cannot understand what slipped up in Seattle but will take it up with Mr. Howell. We shall reimburse you for the extra freight charge which you paid from Savoonga to Gambell and send a check for this amount to your bank in Seattle as soon as we can get adjustments made. When we have received all of the bills then we can know where we stand and know how much to deduct from your salary check each month. Because we do not have all of the bills, we are now deducting an average amount of \$90 beginning December 1st until such time as we can get the exact figure.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mrs. Parker's mother during the summer. That is one of the great sacrifices of the life of a missionary in an isolated or distant place. Things happen in our families and we are helpless to be with the families or do anything about it. I had this experience a year ago last Spring when my wife's father died during the time I was in southeastern Alaska.

We have asked Mr. Howell what became of the outboard motor. When I was with him last winter the motor was in the store being reserved for you. The same thing happened in regard to a ice cream freezer for Alice Green.

We have not been able to get a sufficient amount of material from our mission stations to have the Gift Shop so that we will have to delay that matter for another year. However, I would like to

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October 14, 1946.

Savoonga

MISS ALICE GREEN

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

The officers decided to take an offering toward the quota so I am sending you a check for \$40.00.

We heard the North Star was to be here this week, but we have no news of its whereabouts at the present. Just now the weather is good and we all wish the boat would get in for lightering. We are anxious for mail too.

Last week after the ~~wed.~~ night prayer meeting we had a congregational meeting and elected another elder. The choice fell on Patrick Womkon by a large majority. Yesterday we ordained and installed him as ruling elder with the other five men. James Ningayou has not been well for some time, but has been able to be at the meetings of late and is very happy to be with us again. I was glad to have Mr. Womkon on the session.

We are in hopes you can get over here this winter. It seems it will be necessary to make the trip in winter for the travel over here to the Island in summer is almost nil. I think it would mean more to these people than anything for you to make them a visit. If you could come with Weirs, make the trip to Savoonga and get back with the CAA plane, it might be arranged so you could make the trip in a week or ten days. We would much enjoy a visit with you ourselves.

✓ The illuminated Cross arrived and we have it up. It adds much to the church. It is in good condition.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer
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Return to Post Office

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Nov. 22, 1946.

Gambell
REV. AND MRS. ELMER E. PARKER

Savoonga
MISS ALICE GREEN

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

A letter from your office dated September 17 containing a check for \$25.45 for the freight bill on goods from Nome to Gambell has been received. Thanks very much for the check.

I was shocked to see the electric bill. I have remonstrated with Charles to no effect. That is absolutely unreasonable, \$159.00!!! We have 10 lights in the Church and Sunday School. These are 40 and 60 watt bulbs except the one over the pulpit which is 100 watt. We have two 100 watt lamps in the manse, two 40 and a 25 in the caches and one 40 watt in the bedroom up stairs where no one uses it the year round.

There are three months during the summer we have no use for a light of any kind. We have no radio and have had none in the past. There is the washing machine and the electric iron which we use about once a month, for the washer is the big old family type which takes so much water we cannot afford to soap the water for weekly washings. just for the two of us.

I believe the bill is \$80.06 or \$85.00 more this year than it was last. Here is the set-up: It is a three phase plant and the School takes one whole phase or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the entire output and the present Supt. demands the plant to run 24 hours a day. There is an auxilliary unit for the night run but it does not put out enough power to suit him. The charges are made on the number of watts you have in the house for they have no meters. Mr. Daugherty told them they did not need meters for a little village like this. The School pays a flat rate, I think it is \$36.00 per month, but for that they demand 24hr service at the expense of the village. Many have cut their lighting to one 40 watt lamp for the house and the bill is only a few dollars but light poor. The charges are made on the lamps as though they were in constant use.

Now if you want to take this up with the Native Store, I should be very glad, for we may be able to persuade them to get meters. Or if you ~~this~~ cannot get Charles to do better, I think it would be much better to put in our own little plant of 1000 watts. What is the difference between this bill and the Savoonga bill? (I don't mean to pry) Mr. Williams figures out the time for the folks over there so there is real nice service and I'm sure it is much less than here.

I am not able to check our goods yet as there has been nothing received to guide in the checking. The bill from Schwabachers came OK.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker

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Alaska Missions on St. Lawrence Island
December 2, 1946.

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Jehosaphat
Savoonga
Miss ALICE GREEN

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.,
Unit of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I am enclosing two checks in the amount of \$65.00,
which is our Thanksgiving offering.

The matter of an offering was discussed at the church officers meeting on the 25th of November. At the present time there is very little money in the hands of the people. Owing to this fact, the village council met later in the week and decided on the amount of \$65.00 to be given from their community fund, instead of asking the people for cash at this time.

The hunting has been poor this fall. The prevailing winds have been from the south, and as a result the ice has not come down from the north. Not one walrus, and only a few seal have been caught since last season, and the people are very short of meat which is usually their staple food. They have to depend on the store entirely for most of their food.

I was unable to get ivory for the gift shop because of present conditions. The ivory is traded for food.

In view of the generous offering from the Community fund, we are presenting our Thanksgiving offering to the fund as we feel that the fund should be kept up ^{for} emergencies.

Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

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Miss Gillespie

Dr. Jackman

two heavy sleigh robes for distribution

December 16, 1946

I would suggest that the two heavy sleigh robes be sent to Gambell and Savoonga. Since they are leather covered they would make good windbreaks and could be used by Mr. Parker on his trip to Gambell by dog team and also by Miss Green on her occasional trips from Savoonga to Gambell.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:PK

Dictated by Dr. Jackman
but signed in his absence

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REV. AND MRS. ELMER E. PARKER

Alaska Missions on St. Lawrence Island

December 18, 1946

Savoonga
Miss ALICE GREEN

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your welcome letter of Nov. 21 came Dec. 6th. We were glad to hear from you. We have been having mail twice a month lately.

We have been busy getting the Christmas boxes ready. Clara has been on the job for weeks, we finished packing the boxes last week. It is quite a task to sort out the clothing to fit the children. I would hardly be able for it. Fitting children from memory is out of my line. The boxes received from the churches were well made up. From them we have ~~xx~~ ~~xxxx~~ made up a Christmas box for the 59 families and there is something for every one in the village, 272 in all.

If Mr. Howell will see that the outboard motor is shipped on the North Star's first trip up here, I should get it in time to make some visits to the camps also go to Savoonga for any work we might be able to do in preparing to build the church. The N.S. will arrive about July first.

We were really thrilled when we read that you were determined to visit the Island. It is imperative that you see the field for yourself. There are some things about the field that should be gone over that cannot well be written. I do not know what Mr. Armstrong or Mr. Champlin can do for you with the Weins Line, but the CAA has closed up here on the Island. There are two men here, the machinist and the radio technician. The Weather Bureau is using the CAA radio for weather reports. The Weins have been giving us the first and third Thursdays of each month (weather permitting). They will continue till April. I believe their mail contract expires about May first. Last year they could not make the last flight in April.

May I suggest that you come in March. Weins make a stop at Savoonga now. You could stop there first then come here by dog sled and leave from here, or vice versa. You could plan to be here March 20 and leave April 3. You could get this information from the head office of Wein Air Lines in Fairbanks. Each time the Cutter came here they came direct from St. Matthews Island, serviced the light here and went on north to Teller and Wales. The little boats at Nome are not to be depended upon. The Nannuk made a trip in July and September with mail. The North Star makes the second trip in October or November. The Meteor lay at anchor two weeks near Teller after leaving Nome before weather permitted them to come on shore. In view of these difficulties of a later date, a trip by plane in March seems the best. You could be back on the mainland in time for your work there.

I gave the order for your set of birds but the carvers are very slow about getting their orders out.

In closing Clara and I wish you and your family a very Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Elmer

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Fairbanks, Alaska,
December 21, 1955.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman:
Dept. of Work in Alaska,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y 10.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I will have to ask you to send my check here, Had thought of leaving it go to Ketchikan, but Fairbanks makes demands I have not encountered before. What an experience !!! I am real glad for it, and am so thankful to the Lord for keeping me so well. It was 42 below last night and the town was as busy as Times Square.

The new Church is coming along nicely, but they will not be using it for a while yet. I'm so glad for them, and all of the folks seem to be real well pleased with it so far. When finished it will be one of the nicest in town. I have been surprised with the type of new buildings going up here, and many now in use. Just as modern as any.

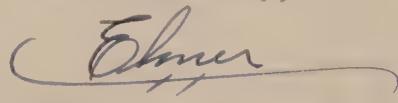
The Eskimo work is holding up well during this cold. The cold doesn't bother them but some live out quite a way and its difficult to get in on foot, especially to tote a baby on back. I am learning where many of them live, pretty well scattered over the town.

We have been getting some information that we will need for planning the Center, or what ever they may call it. After the busy rush is past people may feel more like talking to me. Just now they have other things on their minds.

I have not heard any thing from the Board of Pensions, so I must not be delinquent on the Hydaburg payment, and as the office has been paying it also, they must be well pleased. Fred Grant Sr. had the check ready for both my dues and that of the Church before I left Hydaburg. The Hydaburg dues would go towards Dicks Salary, and I was anxious to have the Church paid up on it before it was past due. My 'one-track-mind' neglected telling you I had paid it.

Thanks to all of you for the Christmas Greetings.

Most Sincerely,


Elmer E. Parker,

Rev. E. Parker, D.D.

January 6, 1956

Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Box 2157
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

We have not yet cleared the matter of the payment of your rent in the Greiman Apartments for the months which you have been in Fairbanks and for the year 1956. When this was mentioned earlier in the correspondence, the figure stated was \$90 a month which seems to us rather high but you may not be able to do any better and this may seem excessive to you also.

We have the responsibility for this since housing is a part of the remuneration for our missionaries.

We are glad to hear that your work is going well. There is much to be done there with the people to point out the Christian way of life before any of them get in trouble.

Best regards to you.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:gv
cc Dr. R. R. Armstrong

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

1-2-8/10 latest developments - Parker
Al Parker Dr.
flying to Fairbanks afternoon
of 8/19 to begin work 8/20.

DK / Watson
all copies
refused up
+ 8/10.

August 8, 1956

The Rev. Elmer Parker
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

It will not be long now until the Snellings will be returning to Petersburg and we need to think further for service for you. We have appreciated your fine spirit of being willing to fill in most any place we needed you to keep our work going. I just want to share with you some of my thoughts on the openings that are immediately before us in Alaska, and see where you might serve next.

We have a continuing need for someone to give special attention to the Eskimo work in Fairbanks. We have under consideration a prospect from the States who could go to the field early in the fall, and be supported half time by the School Board of Fairbanks for being "truant* officer" for the Eskimo people and of serving in connection with our Church the other half of his time. I am not sure but the combination of a "truant* officer" and Evangelist in the same person with the same people will be the most constructive approach but it is under consideration now. You may or may not know Win Ware had to resign from the Hillcrest Church in Anchorage and is leaving the field as of September 1. This has come suddenly and we are not prepared for a replacement. We have written to Frank Kalkup asking what they can do up there to cover the field until there is a new appointment under the direction of Dr. Harold Baldwin from here. We are working on this but have no definite solution for it yet. The third possibility is the situation at Kake. The work has been dragging there for several years, partly because Andrew Gamble has not had the training to lead a full program. As you know we have a young couple there this summer and they seem to have stirred up some interest in painting the Church and getting a larger program going. Several of the men of the Presbytery have felt that we ought to have a full time ordained trained worker there. We are not prepared for this but have a man under consideration for it. We do not have the funds for an additional worker for the balance of this year and may not have for next year. This latter fact coupled with your ability to love people into the Kingdom, leads me to wonder whether you would consider going to Kake this fall until we get someone else for that place permanently or even for you to serve it during the coming year. Will you give me your reaction to this suggestion?

All of the information in this letter is not for public knowledge but certainly should be given consideration by those who are definitely related to the decisions involved, so we are sending copies to those most concerned.

The Rev. Elmer Parker

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August 8, 1956

We trust that you are having a good summer at Petersburg. We know that you will treat the people with loving concern and we believe that they will respond to your ministry.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

JJJ:km
cc: Dr. R. R. Armstrong
Rev. Brian Cleworth
Rev. Frank J. Walkup
Rev. Donald Schwab

Fairbanks, Alaska.
Sept. 18. 1956.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

SEP 24 1956

Dear Dr. Jackman:

This evening I had a conference with Mr. Alffren about staying here in the apt. in the C. Ed. building. He said he would like me to stay if I wasn't lonesome or it was not too inconvenient. I do not get lonesome and it isn't inconvenient enough to bother me at all. I can use the kitchen for my cooking when I wish, and there would be no rent. This I like & I can put more in the Eskimo work.

As to the expense of the car, I will try to find a garage near here, but if there is none to be had, I can park on the street & use a line out of the basement to heat my car. Many park along the street & we have to step

over the lines, so I can make out all right either way. This would be about one dollar a day for electricity.

The salary of \$2900 for the 9 months or \$322.22 per mo. I would like ~~to~~ to take care of all the expense from this added amount and I will send you 150 each month as Field Receipts & add to that my part of the Pension dues. or as you are now doing, deduct it from my check I will be getting 170 more than I have been getting and that will take care of me fine I'm sure. It will give you an opportunity to get something started for another recruit up here. I do not want to drop down with my Pension payments now that they are highest & time is short.
So if it is satisfactory with you, it will be the 300 less Pension dues ~~and~~ for me and 150 Field Receipts to you each month and I assume all expenses of car & rent. If you have a better plan, I will listen. Sincerely.

Elmer
P.S. I'll send the 150 for Sept. as soon as I hear from you.

SEP 21 1958

Fairbanks, Alaska,
Monday evening
Sept. 17, 1956

Dr. J. Earl Jackman.
Dept. of Work in Alaska.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Your letter of the 13th came today. I was very glad to get it, for after I mailed the report and the statement about the \$50 and put my salary in at \$150, I was wondering what that was going to do to my pension. Thanks for setting me right on this.

A bit about this school work.

It is no $\frac{1}{2}$ day job up to the present, but I think this week will get it all going smoothly, and then I will be able to take care of the office work in the morning. We started with 13 Buses and now we have 16 and a Station Wagon to pick up one shot run and delivery to the main route. We are transporting 1078 pupils and more coming in almost daily. These pupils live $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile or more from the school they attend. On Nov. 1st we put on city Buses to pick up pupils at the $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi limits, and come in to 1 mile. It has been a task to find just where the children live and number them for a load & put another Bus on that run to pick up on into Fairbanks schools. We have 4 schools in the District. I have not had any trouble, although I had to

call some boys on the carpet at two schools, for misconduct on the Bus. We parted friends, with a signed promise there would be No more such conduct. The next time, they will be refused the privilege of riding the Bus and must provide their own transportation to and from school, until the father or mother can come in and make a promise that they will aid their child to help keep order on the Bus.

There is no doubt but I shall be calling at homes we would otherwise pass up. I should know many people by next spring. I like to work with Dr. Ryan. I trust I shall keep well for the winter and that this side of the work will glorify the Lord.

It has been a real joy to see these Eskimo folks again. Many have been out hunting, but most of them are in now. We had a full house yesterday afternoon. Hope we can keep it growing. We hope to have special prayer meetings before Rally Day and the Preaching Mission next month. Hope to get it organized this week, D.V.

Dr. Ryan gave me \$50 for 5 half days in August. I shall send you a check for that amount as Field receipt. The amount I am to get for the 9 months is \$2900. + Milag for the car, I haven't the rate at present.

I bought the car from Gramann, paid \$900 cash. Have it insured for full coverage, cost \$135⁴⁰. Transfer of license and a cold weather heater \$65⁰⁰.

At present I am staying in the apt. at the church. Vic wanted me to stay here if I would, for they did not like to leave the church without someone in the apt. for several reasons. The church is open at all times. I don't know how long I may

be here. I don't mind doing this, yet it may be better if I could get a place with more privacy. I want to keep my expenses to a low point if possible. The little apt. I had last winter has gone up to \$120⁰⁰ per month. I have more room here. It hurt me inside to pay that \$90⁰⁰ each month. Couldn't sleep if I had to pay 120.

During the coldest weather of the winter I may have to try getting the car in a garage if I have very much traveling to do. But the heater will keep the engine warm enough to start, if the wheels will turn. I saw some sliding last winter while being pushed, just too cold.

If I should stay here for the winter, I think the expense would be much lighter. It is close to both sides of the work. I like it, and am willing to stay. I hardly know what to say about car operation. Haven't had a car since coming to Alaska. Gas is high here. Do you prefer mileage at a rate or pay gas & oil? I shall be paying for electricity to heat the car but the extra amount I will be getting will take care of that and about all the other expenses. So I shouldn't have much expense to turn in to you. Shall I send you 150 each month as field receipt and you figure my half of the Pension dues & I'll add that to the check.

You may send the checks to me for the present.

Glad to hear about the Eskimo center.

This is sure a Rambling letter.

Sincerely, Elmer.

P.S. Have been to see Adelinda. Her husband seems to
be a very fine fellow. I hope to have Adelinda
playing for our Eskimo Meetings soon.
I was so glad to see her.

I meant to tell you the mail is delivered
here at the church now. We do not have a P.O. Box

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Al
Elmer Parker Jr

September 25, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL
The Rev. Elmer Parker
Box 2157
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

We have your two letters about salary and expense and arrangements for a place to live. Inasmuch as you will have only another year or so for full service and pension credits, we would like to see those credits be as high as possible. If the present arrangement were to be continuous we would adjust your salary from us to include only the part of your time which you are using in our service direct, but since this is a temporary situation over this coming winter, we had better leave your salary level as is, namely at the rate of \$3600 a year, so that your pension credits will not be disturbed. We recognize the fact that in your larger income, however, from the Board of Education, your Social Security amount will be greater and this would offset any reduction in your actual pension.

We are continuing your docket from here at the rate of \$3600 a year and you refund to us \$150 a month plus your pension dues. This will give us a net responsibility of \$150 a month for half time service and you will cover all of your other expenses out of the additional salary which you receive from the Board of Education. It is understood that the 15% manse credit will be added to your cash salary for your pension premiums.

Best regards to you. I'll hope to see you next month at the time of the Preaching Mission.

Cordially yours,

JEJ: dj
cc: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

June 27, 1957

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Klukwan
Alaska

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of the 21st has been received in Dr. Jackman's absence on a field trip into the southwest and middlewest. It will be brought to his attention upon his return the week of July 8th.

In the meantime, we have checked with our Personnel Office and they inform us that you have followed the right procedure in reporting your possible retirement as of July 1 directly to the Pension Board. They in turn will get in touch with our Board about details, etc. The Presbytery action will be sufficient to set the paper work in action, but if you need anything further our Board will vouch for you too. So far no question has arisen!

We have quit your salary under our Department as of July 1 (considered June as vacation), and will pick up your salary again as of September 1 in Klukwan at \$100. per month or \$1200. a year.

All future correspondence will be sent you in c/o the Rev. Henry D. Hartmann in Haines until further word from you, or should it be Klukwan?

We know you will have a busy but interesting summer in your own beloved fashion serving others - you have quite a virtue in bringing happiness to others.

Sincerely yours,

Dept. of Work in Alaska
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CC: The Rev. Mr. Cleworth

JUN 22 1957

Suttle, Washington.

June 21, 1957.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Jackman:

I haven't heard from you since our meeting at Presbytery in Anchorage. And I haven't written you about taking retirement. However, The minutes of Alaska Presbytery state that Presbytery voted in favor of retiring me. Also they voted to send me to Segond, had I been there to know what was involved I sure wouldn't have accepted the favors. But I shall do my best to get the problems solved. Confined with Brian and have a fair understanding of what has transpired, and your correspondence along with some others to help out. We have all admired the courage of Chuck staying on at Kake. I think the people there have an admiration for both of them, that they did not leave. She won the hearts of all at Rain Bow Camp this spring.

I stopped in Juneau and turned in my papers for Social Security Retirement. They said it would take a while to figure it all out. But I should know shortly after I return to Haines. Payment would start July.

I am wondering if it is necessary for your office to notify the Pension Board or is it my

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responsibility or both of us. I am writing today asking them to figure it & tell me what the payments will be. Also that I expect retirement to begin as of July 1st 1957.

If I need any correction on any of this please tell me. I hope to be back in Haines Jan 27th

I am expecting to have a very pleasant time at Klukwan this coming winter. But this will depend on getting some much needed repair work done this summer & fall. "The poor old house!" I felt sorry for it for having been neglected so badly. I'm sure it will enjoy winter better too, after the doors & windows are able to be closed or opened. Some windows are open & can't be closed, and some doors can't be opened for the hinges are off, or the door frame is fallen out of place due to floor sinking. I'll be busy for a while after I get back. But I will enjoy it. I like it there all ready and there may be some real future for Klukwan. Trust me any way.

As soon as I know how Synod reacts to the Kuk situation I will write you.

I had a fine trip driving to Haines. I'm feeling fine. Should you need send me any directive mail it to Klukwan.

Yours sincerely

Edgar

P.S.

JUN 24 1957

Dear Gruda:

I believe Dr. Pickman is not in the office now but if there is any need of settling me right and you can do it, please do so. I should have written before about the retirement but I wanted to know how it would go with me at the Social Security office before I wrote.

Everything seemed to be in order and I am not expecting any difficulty.

Thanks a lot.

Ebner

November 21, 1957

The Rev. Elmer Parker
Klukwan
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

Mrs. Swanson has been in the office and has just spoken at our midday prayer service. She told our people at headquarters something about the people at Klukwan and how much the Church and the Gospel have meant to the community. We appreciated her fine presentation and her request for interest and prayers on the behalf of the people here at headquarters for the work in Alaska.

While she was here, she asked if Klukwan had made its full payment for the support of missionary and for benevolences for 1957. When we told her that we had not received the full payment and that nothing had come in for benevolences, she decided to give us her check for her pledge to the Klukwan Church for both. Therefore, she has given us a check for \$124 to be applied on the amount for the salary of the missionary for the year 1957 and has given us another check through the central receiving agency for \$124 to be applied on the benevolence contribution of the Klukwan congregation for this year. We are sending the receipts for these two contributions to her because she has made the payments, but we promised to let you know that she has taken care of her pledge here.

We have just received your report about Dan Katzeek's serious illness and his return to the community and the church. We praise the Lord for what we can do for anyone of us and are glad to hear that there is a growing spirit of unity and spiritual life among the people of the church and congregation.

Best regards to all of you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:ph

JAN 13 1958

Klukwan, Alaska,
January 6, 1958.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

First, - Thanks to the Office Family for the Holiday Greetings. A fellow needs them in a place like this.

We are having abundance of snow. It has not been so very cold, just right for snowing easily. There has been rain at Haines, but not much here. This morning's report at Juneau was 50 above at 7 o'clock, and it is 35 here now at 7.15. Heavy clouds and may bring rain today. We will soon be losing our two sun rises and two sun sets daily as the sun wends its way back to us. It has been a rather long and somewhat lonely winter for me. I am eager for spring to come. These folks don't visit like the Haidas.

I have written to Dr. Clark, Secretary of Board of Pensions, telling him I am taking Klukwan for the year 1958 and to stop my Pension payments as of Dec. 31, 1957.
Copy inclosed for you.

R | I am wondering about the expense money you sent to me. - No. Should I report that on my income? Or will it be expense for Klukwan listed by the N.M. office? Yes

From my observation of this situation, I doubt very much if I am the right one to get much action in this Village toward building up the Church. There is a group of young folks coming on, now teen agers, that need some one with younger actions than I have.

Should the Mining operations open up soon, these people could pay a lot more toward support of the Church, and I know they would much rather have a man and wife to carry on here. So, should these things begin to develop, and you can find a couple for the place, send them in any time you think it profitable.

The Assembly man in Haines is trying so hard to get a foot hold here. The Katzeek family seem to be a source of the trouble, but I'm not taking sides other than to say one church is enough to support in this Village.

I'm looking forward to seeing you this spring.

Very Sincerely,

Elmer

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Klukwan, Alaska,
January 6, 1958.

Rev. Walter L. Clark, D.D.,
Secretary, Board of Pensions,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia 7, Penn'a.

Dear Doctor Clark:

After being here at Klukwan for more than six months and serving these people while on pension with no salary attached, they are requesting that I remain with them this year and receive a salary. This would be \$400 from the Klukwan Church and \$800 from the Board of National Missions. A total of \$1200 for the year. I have consented to do it.

I do not know if this puts me under Item #12, serving under the Emergency Liberalization Provision. I will leave that to You and Dr. Jackman. As I understand it, I am allowed earning \$1200 above my Social Security benefits during a year.

As of December 31, 1957 you may stop my Pension payments for the year 1958 so far as I see now.

This Village is very much unsettled as to the future at present. The Mining activities here may cause them to move to another location, so we will have to wait till we see just what the Company is going to do. The richest ore is under the village. I may be able to help the people should they move in the near future.

Many thanks for your help, and I hope we get eight cents^{more} on the monthly check next time.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Elmer E. Parker.

c.c. Dr. Jackman

Parker for

January 14, 1958

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Klukwan, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

We have received your letter and a copy of your letter to Dr. Clark, of the Board of Pensions. Immediately, we have taken the liberty of writing to Dr. Clark to notify him not to stop your regular pension payments. Under the liberalization of the pension plan and social security, you are entitled to receive your full benefits plus an amount up to \$100.00 a month for part-time service. There is some adjustment in this either with the Pension board or the social security office on which we are not clear. We understand that where a place to live is provided, the regular payment cannot exceed \$80.00 a month. Since you will be living in the manse we will set up this arrangement so that you can receive \$80.00 a month plus a place to live. Also, we should make some provision for your travel expense on the field. You will have this in addition to your regular social security and pension amounts.

We believe that you can perform a very effective service for our people in Klukwan in spite of any infringement from the sect groups. We know that the Katzeek family have been a source of trouble with encouragement to the representatives of the sect groups. At one time I wrote a letter to Ian asking him not to do this, and he became very much offended at me. He took the position that I was trying to dictate to him what he could do in his own home. That quieted down and he became friendly afterwards. You will find many problems in your relationship to the people there, but do not let them get you down. We know that you will provide a positive, winsome ministry in every way. Continue this and let the Lord work out the other problems with the people. When the royalties from the iron begin to come in we will expect the people to do more, and they may even think in terms of building another church when the community moves.

Best regards to you.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:EW

CC : The Rev. Brian Cleworth

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KLUKWAN, ALASKA,
Feb. 28, 1958.

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Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
Dept. of Work in Alaska,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Jackman:

I am sending the Expense Voucher for January. I have just this one. Do you want me to make them out on this kind, or is it plain the way I have the expenses on the February Voucher?

The Car License is \$20.00 so there was no room for a gas bill, and it was only one purchase of \$4.00 for the month of January. May tuck it in some place next month.

My insurance is out now and I think I should insure the car again, but not for the amount I carried in Fairbanks. I shall see what I can get here in Haines.

The thermomiter has gone up to 40 this morning and the snow is melting, it is cloudy and looks like rain is coming. I have all the snow shoveled off the old roofs. They sagged a good bit under the heavy snow, and a rain would have broken them down with the snow on yet. I have shoveled tons of snow this winter. It gave me good exercise, eh.

Some of the reserve of these men has given way to a friendliness now that is more agreeable. I have gone to the forest a couple of times and helped cut wood and then slide a mile down hill home of a sled load of wood, Thrill, and How!!! It did a lot to open up the way for visits. A few of the men have come to see me since. Then too, I'm learning a new way of life, or should I say, "a strange way".

Since I got over the flu, I have been feeling pretty well. We have some talk of you coming with the Seminar and we hope you will arrive here at Klukwan. I have been talking of "Polishing" up the village before you come. Don't know as it will work, but I'll try to have this lot looking neater than it was when I came. I have most of the brush cut out of the front yard and some in the back, also some of the trees on the east that abscares the view of the big mountain that is so pretty in summer. Well, its pretty all the time.

Most Sincerely Yours,

*Elmer
Elmer Johnson*

JUL 31 1958

Klukwan Alaska.

July 28 1958 R

Dear Friend

J. Earl Jackman.

Mr. Elmer Parker
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I want to tell you about our problem here in klukwan presbyterian church. And our preacher went sick with his heart this what the doctor said to him. His not going to do anything just take easy. I think the best for him to stay where he can cheer himself up.

I am afraid he might get worse if he stay here in klukwan what you think?

Also we don't have our sunday morning service here now since our preacher went sick. Mr. Hartman will come up here in evening only. And this old folks like to have sunday morning service they ask me to do it. And to have sunday morning service. And ldone this work befor the time Mrs Swanson was here.

So l have to ask you if l can do that again until our preacher come back. But we sure missed brother Park ^{et} from our church service.

I think Mr Hartman ask for another preacher for klukwan church if they do look for the one can play piano. Thank you.

Sincerely yours.

J.H. Willard

J.H. Willard. Elder.

E. Parker file.

August 13, 1958

Mr. J. H. Willard
Klukwan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Willard:

We were sorry to receive the information that Mr. Parker has been having trouble with his heart, and the doctor has advised him to rest and not to participate in the services. We would take it for granted from your letter that Mr. Parker is continuing to stay in the manse. As far as we are concerned, he is welcomed to do that, but if his condition should become worse, he ought to go down to Haines rather than remain there in Klukwan alone.

It would seem to us all right to have you take the leadership of the morning service under the direction of Mr. Hartmann, and have him come up for the evening service and some calls in the homes of our people in Klukwan. Mr. Hartmann has put on his monthly report that he is going up for the evening services and we are certain that he will do everything that he can for your people. We trust this arrangement will continue. We know whether Mr. Parker will be able to continue his services with you. He is of wonderful Christian spirit, and we hope that he will regain his strength.

Thank you for your great interest in the church among your people. We appreciate having people like you.

Sincerely yours,

In absence of J. Earl Jackman
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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CC : The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth
The Rev. Henry Hartmann
The Rev. Elmer Parker

JUN 3 1959

Klukwan, Alaska,
May 29, 1959.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I have had two rounds with kidney stones the last two weeks, causing me great pain and 2 trips to the clinic at Juneau. Other than the pain while passing them I am all right now and no apparent damage was done.

I am sending you the information and would like to know if I come under any provision of the insurance for workers in this kind of illness and expense.

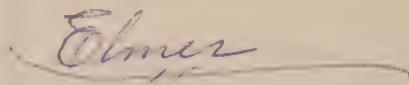
There were five x-rays and four Lab tests, besides the Doctor's work. I have paid for the x-ray work but not the Lab tests. ~~The~~ The x-ray bill was \$40.00 but they gave me a discount and cut it to \$25.00. I do not know what the Lab bill will be yet.

Please let me know where I stand in this as I want to settle with the Doctor soon. Also the Clinic.

I am feeling quite well now and will soon be about as usual.

I am not expecting anything for travel expenses.

Sincerely Yours,



Elmer E. Parker.

Parker Jr

June 12, 1959

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Klukwan, Alaska

Dear Elmer:

Sorry to hear that you have been troubled with kidney stones. This is a most painful experience.

Our Board does not have any plan of insurance to cover these bills, but has joined with the Board of Pensions in financial assistance for emergency bills. The usual procedure on this is to write to the Board of Pensions and ask them for the application forms for emergency medical expenses. You have both a retired and an active status, so that there ought to be some help for you through that channel. The arrangement is that the Board of Pensions pays a certain percentage of this, and the Board of National Missions joins with a smaller percentage. When you have all of your bills gathered, write to the Board of Pensions, and ask that they share the information with us when you have completed the forms.

We noticed in your letter that you are feeling quite well now. We hope this is a general statement to include the difficulty which you have been having last year.

Best regards to you. We will be expecting to see you when the Seminar visits Haines at the end of the month.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:EW
CC : Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

SEP 2 1959

Klukwan, Alaska.
Aug. 29, 1959.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman:
156 Fifth Ave., New York 10.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

My Brother Ed has been here with me for a month and is returning to Akron next week. He has asked me to ride out as far as Mont. with him. I have been here at Klukwan three summers and two winters and have not taken any time off and it has been four years since I have seen my daughter, also there is a little 2 year old girlie I haven't seen yet. She makes four grand-children and I have had very little contact with them.

The Session gave me permission to go for 2 months if I wished to take that much time, but I'm planning to be back the 1st week of October.

Would there be any travel allowance for a fellow of my status?

Sincerely yours

Elmer E. Parker

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September 3, 1959

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Klukwan
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

This letter will probably arrive in Klukwan about the time you arrive in Montana, but since you did not give us any address where you plan to visit we cannot catch you. We hope that someone there in Klukwan will forward it to you.

Considering your thoughtfulness over the years and that you are giving so much in service for so little in return, I have a feeling that we should do something toward your transportation. After you return to Klukwan after the first of October, send me a statement of the round-trip expense and we will be responsible for one-half of it. This is within the present provision of furlough transportation.

Have a good time with your grand children; there are not many children who have as fine a grandfather as they have. We do not have a record on your family card of your daughter's maiden and married name and address. We would like to have it for the records.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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SEP 16 1959

Polson, Montana,
Sept. 12, 1959.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
Board of National Missions,
156 - Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Your good letter of Sept. 3rd was waiting me
when I arrived here. Leave it to the Hartmanns,
to keep things moving.

We made the run - Haines to Polson, 2160 miles
in 5 days. The whole country was in its "Full
Glory," beyond description all the way. I sure
enjoyed it, and the road was good to excellent
all the way.

I am enjoying the children, and I'm pleased
with the progress of business Anita and Charles
are building up. They have bought the Hamilton
Building Service in Polson and have done well
this summer and are still very busy.

Its beautiful country here on the shore of Flat-
head Lake, but it hasn't turned my heart from
our beloved Alaska, especially, Haines-Kluukwan area.
I'll be back in Ketchikan for Presbytery Oct. 13th (D.V.)
I want a watch at the wheel of our beloved "M.V.A.S." on
the way back to Haines.

Miss K.
Pay 1/2 of R.T. Thanks for the answer to my request about
travel expenses. You are always so good to me.
I love you Earl.

In His Name

Parker

January 17, 1961

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Haines
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

I have a deep sense of regret in receiving and reading your last "official" report to National Missions. You have had a long and glorious service for the Lord with us and especially in Alaska. You have been an inspiration to many people on the field and to those of us whom have been related to the work from this end. We have a deep sense of appreciation of you and of what you have done over the years.

We shall continue to maintain our interest in you and trust that the Lord will richly bless you in the years of life which you still have ahead of you.

Thank you for reporting by name the death and funeral of Dan Katzeek. In many ways, he has been an unpredictable character but seems always to have had a basic spirit of faithfulness to the Lord. I shall write a note to his wife.

Kindes regards and best wishes to you.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

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MAR 6 1961

Haines, Alaska.
Feb. 28, 1961.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
475 Riverside Drive,
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Jackman:

This letter, which was promised after the telegram, has been bothering me for some time. I do not know what has come over me, that I dislike to write any more.

After returning from Anchorage in November, I began to develope arthritus in both hands and shoulders. By Christmas, I was not able to drive. Mr. Hartmann took me to Klukwan for the evening service, and the last Sunday of December, he took me up to Klukwan early, and returned for his Church services in Haines. Victor Hotch brot me back to Haines after our service. That was my last trip.

During January I had a bad time, wrists and hands swollen and very sore, could not close my hands at times. I just sat around, and thought about Heaven.

Dr. Jones finally found some medicine that I responded to. And through February I have almost overcome the trouble.

On January 22nd. Ruth and the children gave me a nice Birth-Day party. I told them it was rough getting up to, and passing the 73 mark, but the party was worth it. Ruth mentioned, entering second childhood.... So now it may be that I shall enter 10 or 15 years of enjoyable childhood, get myself a little red wagon, and really play in the gravel.....

When I received your telegram about St. Lawrence Isd., I was so disapointed with myselfthat I could not go, it hurt me all over. It was the first time in all these years I have been with you, that I couldn't do your bidding.

And I want to say right here, that you have been wonderful to work with. I have enjoyed every day of it. I have marveled many times, the way you have carried this mountain of responsibility, and the success you have had with it. Surely, you are greatly beloved of the Lord,(and byyall of us.) It has been a great experience for me, to have these closing years with you here in Alaska. I had hoped to continue till I was 75, Last Jan.1st completed 40 years of my Missionary career. Beginning with the Board in Colo. Jan.1, 1920. and sent to New Mexico. Both Home and Foreign work has been A Glorious walk with my Lord. How I Braise Him !

Sincerely Yours in His Adorable Name,

Ehny E. Parker

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Elmer E. Parker
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April 5, 1961

The Rev. Elmer E. Parker
Haines
Alaska

Dear Elmer:

More than a month ago, I received a letter from you expressing your regret at not being able to go over to St. Lawrence Island and cover the field for four months while the Frenches are South welcoming their new daughter.

We can well understand why you felt reluctant to you go to the Island. In fact, I hesitated to contact you about it because I knew you would take the request very conscientiously and would not want to give us a negative answer.

You may know by this time that Stewart Bridgeman who was the intern at Barrow has gone over to Savoonga for three months until the Frenches return.

We think of you often and remember you in our prayers. Changes of administration cannot sever the close ties which we have had in the Lord's work for so many years. Best regards to you.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

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